

How Does God Work in My Life?

Lessons from the book of Esther



King Ahasuerus's Greatness Displayed

- The king throws a banquet
 - 1:6-7
- Vashti refuses the king, and he puts her away.
 - 1:12;16-17
- He holds a beauty contest
 - 2:1-18
- Esther is chosen
- Mordecai discovers a plot against the king
 - 2:21-23
 - The men are hung on gallows

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- Mordecai refuses to bow
- Haman bribes the king and plots to kill all the jews in the land
 - To decide the day, they cast Pur

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Esther and
Mordecai's Plan

- Great lament among the jews
- Mordecai makes appeal to Esther to go before the king
 - Could result in her death
 - 4:12-17
- Esther bravely agrees to go before the king

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Esther Has a
Banquet

- Esther is granted favor from the king
- She holds her first banquet
- She will make known her request at a second banquet
- Haman joyfully leaves and sees Mordecai
- His wife and friends encourage him to hang Mordecai on the gallows
 - Fifty cubits high (75ft)

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- The king can't sleep and has the chronicles read to him
 - 6:2-3
- Haman is headed to tell the king his plan to kill Mordecai
- Haman then must parade Mordecai around the city
- His wife "comforts" him
 - 6:13

The story pivots



- Esther finally reveals her Jewish identity
- She will be killed as a part of Haman's plan
- As Haman begs for his life, a eunuch reminds the king of Haman's gallows
- Haman is then hung on the gallows built for Mordecai

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- A new decree is issued for the Jews to be prepared to defend themselves
- Mordecai is elevated

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- The Jews vanquish their enemies
- Over 75,000 are killed over two days
- This becomes a day of remembrance
 - Purim
- Ch 10

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Application

- God has promised that He will always be with us
 - Matt. 28:16-20
 - Isaiah 41:10
- God works through us
 - Matt. 5:14-16
 - Philippians 2:12-13
 - Heb. 13:20-21
- God is faithful
 - 2 Tim. 2:11-13
 - 2 Thess. 3:3
 - Lam. 3:22-23