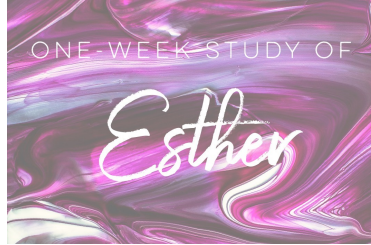


DISCIPLE'S QUEST

*IF YOU CONTINUE IN MY WORD, THEN YOU ARE
TRULY DISCIPLES OF MINE.
JOHN 8:31*



March 15, 2020
For Such a Time as This
Esther

Main Idea:

God providentially elevates Esther to the position of Queen of the Persian Empire to secure deliverance for the Jews from genocide.

Outline:

- 1) The Unusual Situation (1:1 – 2:4)
- 2) The Providential Selection (2:5 – 20)
- 3) The Stopped Assassination (2:21 – 23)
- 4) The Genocidal Scheme (3:1 – 4:14)
- 5) The Saving Intervention (4:15 – 7)
- 6) The Sovereign Preparation (8)

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

- #1 Disobedience always results in negative consequences, sometimes long after the fact. Read 1 Samuel 15. Although Samuel "hewed Agag to pieces," apparently Saul also allowed other Amalakites to escape with their lives. What was the consequence of Saul's disobedience five centuries later?

- #2 What (or Who) is the original source of anti-Semitism? According to the message, why might Satan have inspired the genocidal plan of Haman?

- #3 How would you define God's sovereignty? How would you define His providence? How many specific incidences can you identify in Esther 1 – 8 where God's providence is clearly on display?

- #4 How is Mordecai's faith evident in His message to Esther in 4:14?

- #5 How is Esther's trust in God evident in 4:15 – 5:1?

- #6 Is God's sovereignty a source of comfort and encouragement to you? How?