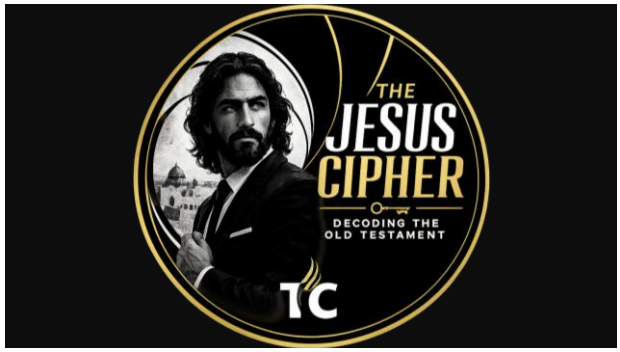
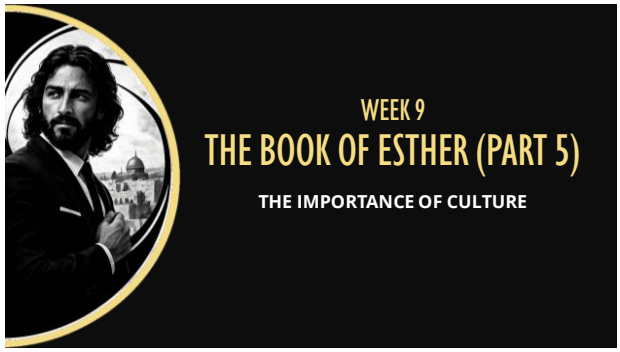
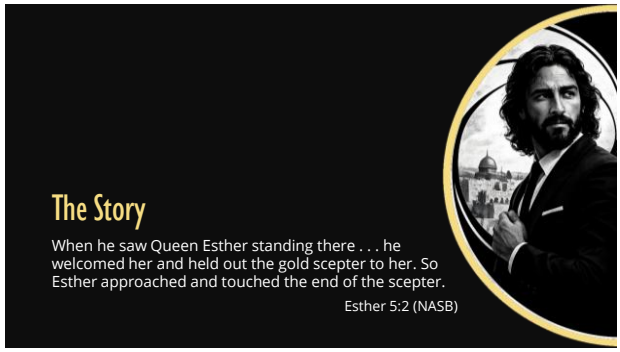

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WEEK 9
THE BOOK OF ESTHER (PART 5)
THE IMPORTANCE OF CULTURE

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The Story
When he saw Queen Esther standing there . . . he welcomed her and held out the gold scepter to her. So Esther approached and touched the end of the scepter.
Esther 5:2 (NASB)

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## Esther 8

- Esther and Mordecai gain more power
- Esther lobbies for the Jews
- The defense of the Jews

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## Esther 9-10

- Esther asks for more
- The Jewish festival of Purim
- The happily ever after

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## Key Take Aways



"Those who lead good people along an evil path will fall into their own trap, but the honest will inherit good things."

Proverbs 28:10 (NLT)

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## Culture

- Religious observances were not all established by God
- Biblical "heroes" are not always doing God's will
- Cultural lessons are distinct from spiritual lessons

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## Hermeneutical Applications

If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him.

John 14:7



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## Understanding Culture

***The Tools:***

- Biblegateway.com, Lexicons, etc.
- Britannica, Wikipedia, World History Encyclopedia, etc.
- AI Search tools – don't just read the result, check out the links

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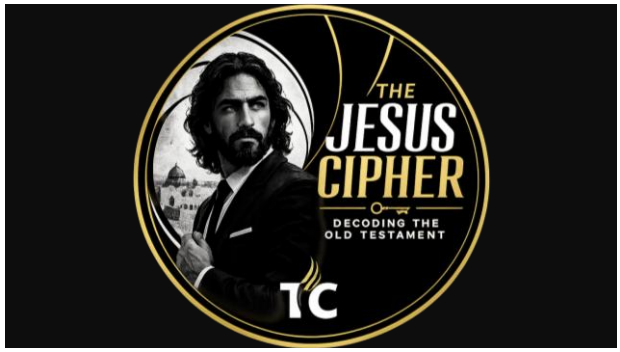
## Recognizing Your Own Cultural Biases

- Know yourself . . .
- Mental Models

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