

Esther the book of **God-Incidence**

Esther 5:4, almost exactly in the middle of the book, can be considered its pivotal verse:

*"So Esther answered, 'If it pleases the king,
let the king and Haman come today to the banquet
that I have prepared for him.'"*

At this point Esther has committed herself in faith to her plan of action, and as yet she does not know if the king will intervene. It is in this context, then, that God's name "appears."

In Hebrew the phrase *"let the king and Haman come today"* is four words:

Yaabow' **H**amelek **W**ahaamaan **H**ayown.

The initial letters of this phrase forms an acrostic, **Y-H-W-H**,
the consonants that spell the name Yahweh, translated LORD in the Scriptures.

Acrostics, especially those that spell out God's name, are very rare. In fact, Jewish copyists carefully guarded against the accidental acrostic that might spell out this divine name because it was considered inviolate and ineffable. We can only assume, then, that this acrostic is purposeful, including God in the events of Esther's day, though working in the background.

Xerxes - A Type of the

- I. The world loves to show off (1:3-4).
- II. The world embraces the idea of public drunkenness, and immorality (Chap. 1).
- III. The world discards spouses for the most incidental of reasons. (1:15-21).
- IV. The world is anxious to promote the Superstar... (Haman).

Haman - The Type of the

- I. The world advances him and gives him political prestige - "above all princes" (3:1)
- II. His great desire is to be worshipped (3:2,5)
- III. He does not fool everyone (3:2)
- IV. He possess an intense hatred for the Jews (3:8-13)

Mordecai - A Type of

- I. Blood Line Connection to King Saul- (2:5)
- II. Called Mordecai the Jew - Seven Times (3:4, 5:13, 6:10, 8:7, 9:29, 9:31, 10:3)
- III. Israel has high position with the world - "Mordecai sat in the gate" (2:19). (Rom. 11)
- IV. Because Mordecai's refusal to worship the Anti-Christ (3:2) - Israel is persecuted (3:13)

Esther - A Type of the

- I. Esther is a Jew, but not identified as one - (2:10)
- II. Esther is purified (2:12)
- III. Esther is the Jews only real friend - *Reason America protects Israel - quantity of Christians* (Rom. 11)
- V. Esther, as the church, identifies the Anti-Christ (7:6; 2 Thess. 2:1-4)