

ESTHER CHAPTER 2

A New Queen

Theme

God's providence is greater than man's fallenness.

The Plan (1-7)

- Anger
- Attendants
- Mordecai
- Esther

The Process (8-18)

- Taken
- Favor, Food, Kindred
- Queen

The Plot (19-23)

- Mordecai at the Gate
- Gallows
- No Recognition of Mordecai

APPLICATION

- Are there times when a righteous end can justify sinful means?
- Because <u>God's providence is greater than man's fallenness</u>, do we have license to sin? (*Rom.* 6)
- How does God's ability to orchestrate saving His people amidst such a messy situation bring Him glory?
- Given that Esther will also have great moments ahead, how do we categorize this potential cultural assimilation & sin? Is this a biblical anomaly? (Consider the lives of Abraham, Noah, David, Solomon, Samson, Peter.)