

THE BOOK OF
ESTHER



THE STORY UNFOLDS... CH. 2

- **VIRGINS SOUGHT... (2-3)**

- GOD AT WORK UNSEEN

- HEGAI BECOMES A KEY PERSON... **GOD!**

- **MORDECAI – IN SUSANNA**

- JECONIAH (JEHOIACHIN) 597 BC

- TRIBE OF BENJAMIN, 4 GENERATIONS... (5)

- CHOSE TO REMAIN IN PERSIA (536 RETURN)

IN THE SEARCH...

- **HADASSAH/ESTHER** –
 - BORN IN CAPTIVITY ALSO
 - ORPHANED – COUSIN'S PROTECTION
 - BEAUTIFUL OF FORM AND FACE
- **TAKEN IN THE SEARCH – HEGAI**
 - PLEASSED HIM AND FAVOR FOUND!

BEAUTY TREATMENTS...

- COSMETICS AND FOOD**
- 7 MAIDS GIVEN TO ESTHER**
- BEST PLACE IN THE HAREM**
- BACKGROUND HIDDEN**
- MORDECAI CHECKS IN!**

ONE NIGHT WITH THE KING

- 12 MONTHS OF PREPARATION**
- GIVEN ANYTHING THEY WANT**
- ONE NIGHT TO PLEASE HIM**
- SENT TO ANOTHER PLACE...**
- SUMMONED BY NAME...**

ESTHER'S WISDOM

- SHE HAD SEEN THE PATTERN
- **NOTHING EXCEPT WHAT HEGAI!**
 - HE NEW THE KING'S TASTES...
 - SHE LISTENS TO HIS SUGGESTIONS
 - FINDS **FAVOR** WITH ALL WHO SEE HER
 - HER CHANCE COMES... 7TH YEAR - 4 YEARS!!

THE KING RESPONDS!

- **KING LOVES ESTHER!**

- OVER ALL THE OTHERS

- FINDS FAVOR AND KINDNESS

- GIVES HER THE ROYAL CROWN

- SEARCH ENDS!

- BANQUET AND HOLIDAY FOR ALL

ANOTHER GATHERING

- WHEN VIRGINS GATHERED...
- MORDECAI CONTINUES VIGIL
- ESTHER KEEPS HER SECRET!
 - OBEDIENT EVEN AS QUEEN!
 - CHARACTER TESTED
 - TESTS OF POWER AND POSITION

“IT JUST SO HAPPENS...”

- **MORDECAI UNCOVERS A PLOT~**
 - 2 OFFICIALS PLOT AGAINST THE KING
 - WHY NOT LET HIM DIE?
- **ESTHER IS TOLD**
 - INCLUDES MORDECAI IN THE REPORT
 - CREDIT ACKNOWLEDGED AND SHARED

LET IT BE WRITTEN...

- **INVESTIGATED AND JUDGED**

- 2 MEN DIE ON A 'TREE' – IMPALED?

- **MORDECAI IS WRITTEN DOWN**

- GOD IS IN THE SMALL DETAILS

- ALL IS PROCEEDING AS GOD PLANS...

- AND THEN CAME

HAMAN! BOO!!!

- **AGAGITE, POSSIBLE AMALEKITE?**
- **DEMANDS IMMEDIATE “HONOR”**