



Stand Alone Message (Mother's Day 2026) Study Guide Esther: The Beauty Queen Heroine

Bible Text: Esther 3, 4,

Open Up

How have you seen God show up in what seemed like a hopeless situation?

Who is someone you admire for their spiritual courage? How come?

Dig In

Context: Esther, a Jewish orphan goes from “rags to riches.” She wins a “beauty contest” to become queen of Persia. Esther was raised by her cousin, Mordecai, a godly Jewish man. Esther’s husband was the mighty King Ahasuerus. The villain, a Jewish-hater named Haman.

Read Esther 3

What was Haman’s plan? Why do you think he hated the Jews so much?

How do we see anti-semitism in our world today? Do you think there are biblical reasons for this? Why or why not?

How do we see hatred for Christians today in the world, and specifically in our country? How well do you think Christians are responding to this hatred today?

What should our to hatred be? What Scriptures can help gives us answers to this question?

Read Esther 4

What lessons can we learn about facing difficult situations from Esther and Mordecai? In what ways did they demonstrate spiritual courage?

Do you think the time is coming when we will need to summon up the same spiritual courage in our world? Why or why not?

Perhaps the most famous words from the book of Esther is found in v. 14: *“For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”*

How can these words be a challenge for us today? What challenges are you facing in which you needed to hear these words from Mordecai?

Close Out

In light of today’s study guide and/or Sunday’s sermon, what is one application for your life today? What steps will you take in obedience?