

THE MESSAGE OF ESTHER

Introduction – God’s covenant promises through Abraham, Moses, and King David were threatened by political manipulation that could have lead to the genocide of the Jewish race.

A. Persian King Xerxes’ words are written down and become unchangeable law across his empire.

1. At a drunken cabinet meeting of top male officials, the King demanded his Queen come show off her beauty. She refused to become part of this spectacle. The King angrily banished her from his presence forever.

Esther 1:22

2. The King sent out another decree creating an empire-wide beauty contest to select a new Queen. Esther won and was crowned without anyone knowing her Jewish roots.

B. Haman was appointed by the King to be number two in the empire.

Esther 3:5-6

Haman persuaded the King that the Jews were a rebellious people and should be eliminated

Esther 3:13

C. Mordecai was a Jewish noble who had raised the orphaned Esther.

He informed Esther of the plan to destroy the Jewish race, but she was hesitant to approach the King.

Esther 4:12-14

Esther 4:15-16

D. Esther approached the King and was welcomed into his presence.

1. Esther invited the King and Haman for a special banquet at her residence.

Esther 5:12-14

Esther 5:14

Esther 6:1-3

2. The King told Esther he would grant any request she made of him. She told him Haman was trying to eliminate her people. Impulsively the King had Haman executed on the very gallows he had erected for Mordecai.
3. The King sent out another edict allowing the Jews to protect themselves and vanquish their enemies.

Esther 8:17-9:1

Conclusion – The name of God is not found once in the book of Esther, yet the providential presence of God is seen in every situation. Mordecai was promoted to number two in the Empire. The Jews celebrate the feast of Purim remembering this deliverance of the Lord until our day.

Romans 8:28