



Esther

Lesson 6

Esther Chapter 9-10

“If statistics are right, the Jews constitute but one quarter of one percent of the human race. It suggests a nebulous puff of star dust lost in the blaze of the Milky Way. Properly, the Jew ought hardly to be heard of, but he is heard of, has always been heard of. He is as prominent on the planet as any other people and his importance is extravagantly out of proportion to the smallness of his bulk.”

Jewish National Library quoted in The National Post and Observer June 6, 1984

“For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but because the Lord loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers...”
Deuteronomy 7:6-8a

“Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant

READ ESTHER CHAPTER 9 and 10

1. *What similarities can you identify between the rise of Mordecai in power and influence in Esther 9:3-4 to the story of Joseph in Genesis 37:18-25 and 41:38-43, David in 1 Samuel 16:3-13, and the children of Israel in Deuteronomy 4:33-38 and 7:6-8, and Daniel in 2:46-49? What do the details of those events tell you about God?*

and His lovingkindness to a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments... and He will love and bless you and multiply you...; you shall be blessed above all the peoples...

Deuteronomy 7:9, 13-14.

The record of the events of Esther are a testimony to the reality and veracity of God. He is holy, and when He speaks it is so. The Jewish nation exists through all its turbulent history as a beacon of His supremacy and character. The Lord’s eternal purposes are being played out in the pages of history. His chosen people, the Jews, are in a foreign land because of their rebellion against God. He is using their captivity as discipline, as a Father to His children, to draw them to Himself. His goal is to teach them, but Satan’s goal is to destroy them. The story of Esther and the celebration of Purim are a reminder that God’s perfect plan for His people cannot be destroyed by Satan’s evil tactics.

2. *What is Esther's next request of the king? 9:13 Why do you think that was important to her?*

3. *According to 9:12, 15-16, approximately how many of the king's people died in this event?*

4. *Give the details of the holiday that was established from this event. 9:20-32*

5. *What date does Purim fall on this year, and how is it celebrated today?*

6. *How is Mordecai memorialized in chapter 10?*

7. *Describe several ways is God present in the events of Esther. Why do you think He is not mentioned here?*

8. Reviewing each section of the study of Esther, fill in the following chart with a phrase that identifies your recap of that lesson.

Lesson 1 Chapter 1-_____

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Lesson 2 Chapter 2-_____

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Lesson 3 Chapter 3-4-_____

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Lesson 4 Chapter 5-6-_____

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Lesson 5 Chapter 7-8-_____

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Lesson 6 Chapter 9-10-_____

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Prayer requests:

Group time notes:
