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ESTHER

CHAPTER 1

WHO WAS XERXES?

WHAT OTHER NAME WAS HE KNOWN BY?

WHO WAS HIS FATHER?

CHAPTER 1

LOOK UP THE CITADEL OF SUSA TO DISCOVER MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE LOCATION.

THERE ARE MULTIPLE BANQUETS DESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 1. NOTE THE DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN THE BANQUET DESCRIBED IN VERSE 3 AND THE CONCLUDING BANQUET IN VERSE 5.

WHERE DID THE FINAL BANQUET TAKE PLACE?

CHAPTER 1

**WHERE WAS QUEEN VASHTI DURING THIS TIME,
AND WHAT WAS SHE DOING?**

WHAT DID THE KING COMMAND VASHTI TO DO?

WHAT WAS HER RESPONSE?

CHAPTER 1

HOW DID THE KING REACT?

**WHAT WAS THE REASONING THAT INFLUENCED THE KING
TO ACT AGAINST VASHTI?**

WHAT TWO THINGS DID THE KING'S DECREE PROCLAIM?

CHAPTER 1

**ACCORDING TO VERSE 20, WHAT WAS THE PREDICTED
RESPONSE TO THE PROCLAMATION?**

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

**WHEN WE ASK FOR ADVICE, WE SHOULD CONSIDER ANY SELFISH
MOTIVES THAT MIGHT INFLUENCE THOSE WE CONSULT.**

**PUBLIC EMBARRASSMENT CAN SOMETIMES LEAD TO VERY
UNWISE DECISIONS.**

CHAPTER 2

WHAT HAPPENED WHEN THE KING'S ANGER SUBSIDED?

WHAT DID HIS ADVISERS RECOMMEND?

WHO WAS MORDECAI?

CHAPTER 2

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT MORDECAI?

WHO WAS HADASSAH?

WHAT OTHER NAME IS SHE KNOWN BY?

CHAPTER 2

WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF THE KING'S HAREM?

HOW WAS ESTHER TREATED DURING HER TIME OF PREPARATION?

WHAT SPECIAL TREATMENT DID ESTHER RECEIVE?

CHAPTER 2

HOW OFTEN DID MORDECAI CHECK ON ESTHER?

WHAT ADVICE HAD MORDECAI GIVEN ESTHER REGARDING HER NATIONALITY AND FAMILY BACKGROUND?

HOW MUCH TIME HAD TRANSPIRED BETWEEN THE BANQUET GIVEN BY THE KING IN CHAPTER 1 AND WHEN ESTHER WAS PRESENTED TO THE KING?

CHAPTER 2

WHAT WAS THE SPECIAL OCCASION FOR THE BANQUET GIVEN IN CHAPTER 2?

WHAT POSITION WAS MORDECAI GIVEN?

HOW DID MORDECAI SAVE THE KING'S LIFE?

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

**MORDECAI SEEMED TO KNOW WHEN TO STAY QUIET
AND WHEN TO SPEAK UP. HOW CAN WE FOLLOW
THAT EXAMPLE IN OUR OWN LIVES?**

CHAPTER 3

WHO BECAME THE MOST POWERFUL OFFICIAL IN THE EMPIRE?

WHAT WAS HIS NATIONALITY?

**LOOK FOR OTHER PLACES IN THE BIBLE WHERE
AGAG IS MENTIONED.**

CHAPTER 3

ACCORDING TO ESTHER 3:10, WHAT WAS HAMAN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE JEWS? WHY?

WHAT DID MORDECAI DO THAT MADE HAMAN SO ANGRY?

DESCRIBE HAMAN'S PLAN TO DEAL WITH MORDECAI'S REFUSAL TO BOW?

CHAPTER 3

WHEN DID HAMAN APPROACH THE KING WITH HIS PLAN?

**WHAT WAS HAMAN WILLING TO PAY FOR HIS PLAN
TO BE ENACTED?**

**HOW MANY YEARS HAD TRANSPIRED SINCE ESTHER HAD
BECOME QUEEN?**

CHAPTER 3

WHO DICTATED THE DECREE THAT WENT OUT? WHO SIGNED IT?

**WHAT HAPPENED IN THE CITY OF SUSA WHEN THE DECREE
WAS PROCLAIMED?**

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER

**BEING IN A POSITION OF GREAT POWER CAN MAKE SOMEONE
SUSCEPTIBLE TO LISTENING TO THE WRONG ADVICE AND
SOMETIMES MAKING CARELESS DECISIONS. THIS CAN ALSO
BE TRUE IN OUR LIVES. EVEN THOUGH WE ARE NOT KINGS OR
QUEENS, WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN RESOURCES AND INFLUENCE
THAT MAY ATTRACT ADVISERS THAT DON'T HAVE OUR BEST
INTERESTS AT HEART.**

CHAPTER 4

HOW DID MORDECAI AND ALL THE JEWS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCES RESPOND TO THE DECREE?

WHAT DID ESTHER DO WHEN SHE HEARD ABOUT MORDECAI?

DESCRIBE THE EXCHANGES BETWEEN MORDECAI AND ESTHER.

CHAPTER 4

**WHAT DID ESTHER ASK OF ALL THE JEWS
AS WELL AS HER OWN PERSONAL SERVANTS?**

CHAPTER 5

**HOW DID THE KING RESPOND WHEN ESTHER
APPROACHED HIS THRONE?**

WHAT WAS ESTHER'S SPECIAL REQUEST?

WHEN WAS THIS TO TAKE PLACE?

CHAPTER 5

HOW DID HAMAN RESPOND?

WHY WAS HAMAN INFURIATED AS HE LEFT THE PALACE?

WHAT DID HE DO TO MAKE HIMSELF FEEL BETTER?

CHAPTER 5

WHAT DID HIS WIFE AND FRIENDS SUGGEST HE DO?

CHAPTER 6

**WHY DID THE KING HAPPEN TO BE LISTENING
TO A BOOK OF HISTORY THAT NIGHT?**

WHY DID HAMAN HAPPEN TO BE AT THE PALACE AT THAT TIME?

**WHAT WAS HAMAN IMAGINING AS HE SUGGESTED HIS PLAN TO
HONOR SOMEONE LOYAL TO THE KING?**

CHAPTER 6

**WHO TRULY CAUSED THE HUMILIATION—
MORDECAI, THE KING, OR HAMAN?**

**HOW HAS THE FUTURE OF HAMAN'S PLAN CHANGED
AT THE END OF THIS CHAPTER?**

**HOW DID THE ADVICE OF HIS FRIENDS AND RELATIVES
CHANGE IN JUST ONE DAY?**

CHAPTER 7

WHAT WAS ESTHER'S REQUEST?

**WHAT DID SHE REVEAL THAT WAS
PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN TO THE KING?**

HOW DID THE KING RESPOND?

CHAPTER 7

**WHAT MIGHT HE HAVE BEEN PONDERING
WHILE HE WAS OUT IN THE PALACE GARDEN?**

**WHAT DID THE KING FIND WHEN HE
RETURNED FROM THE GARDEN?**

WHAT HAPPENED TO HAMAN?

CHAPTER 8

WHO DID THE KING GIVE HAMAN'S PROPERTY TO?

WHO DID THE QUEEN ASSIGN TO MANAGE IT?

WHY DID ESTHER APPROACH THE KING AGAIN?

CHAPTER 8

**WHO DICTATED THE DECREE SENT OUT
AS DESCRIBED IN VERSES 9 AND 10?**

HOW SOON DID THE DECREE GO OUT?

WHAT WAS THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE?

CHAPTER 8

WHAT DATE WAS SET FOR THIS EVENT?

WHY DID SOME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE LAND BECOME JEWS?

CHAPTERS 9-10

**ACCORDING TO VERSE 2, EXACTLY WHO DID THE JEWS
HAVE PERMISSION TO ATTACK?**

**WHEN THE KING CALLED FOR ESTHER AGAIN,
WHAT DID SHE REQUEST?**

**IN WHAT WAYS DID MORDECAI CALL ON ALL THE JEWS TO
CELEBRATE THIS TIME OF DELIVERANCE?**

CHAPTERS 9-10

HOW OFTEN?

HOW DO THE JEWS CELEBRATE THIS FEAST IN MODERN TIMES?

**ACCORDING TO ESTHER 9:30, WHAT WAS THE WISH
OF QUEEN ESTHER AND MORDECAI?**

CHAPTERS 9-10

**WHAT POSITION WAS MORDECAI PROMOTED TO
ACCORDING TO CHAPTER 10?**

WHAT WERE THE TWO THINGS HE WORKED FOR?

CHAPTER THEMES

Chapter 1

Chapter 2

Chapter 3

Chapter 4

Chapter 5

Chapter 6

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Chapter 8

Chapter 9

Chapter 10

TIMELINE OF EZRA, NEHEMIAH, & ESTHER

