



THE STORY OF

ESTHER

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**?

OVERVIEW

Sometimes it seems that God is silent. When we face suffering or see injustice, it's tempting to ask, "Where is God?" At first glance, the book of Esther seems like one of those times. It is a story of unfortunate events where God is not even mentioned throughout its entirety.

The setting of Esther is in a time of exile when Israel had forgotten about God. Yet, the story proves that God had not forgotten about them. It subtly proves that God is in the background, working and moving through His providential hand. This idea of God's providence is highly applicable and much needed in our day. Too often, we are not aware of God's presence, that He is moving and working things out for His redemptive plan to unfold. Through embracing the truth of God's providence, we can learn to better trust Him, worship Him, and obey Him. This is the astounding story of Esther!



KEY FIGURES

ESTHER: The new beauty queen of Persia. A Jewish orphan raised by her cousin, Mordecai

HAMAN: Persia's top appointed official who plots the extermination of the Jewish race

MORDECAI: Esther's cousin. Used by God to save His people. Hated by Haman.

XERXES: King of Persia. One of the most powerful rulers in the world. Wants to trade up his wife.

GOD: The True Ruler, leading from the shadows and protecting His people.

KEY THEMES

Providence
Sovereignty
Prayer
Fasting

Idolatry
Morality
God's Favor
God's Protection



SCHEDULE

September 12 - Esther 1

September 19 - Esther 2

September 26 - Esther 3

October 3 - Esther 4

October 10 - Esther 5-6

October 17 - Esther 7

October 24 - Esther 8

October 31 - Esther 9-10