

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

ESTHER 7

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Esther seven is the unfolding of the great plan of God in protecting and preserving the Jewish people from destruction at the hand of another devilish plot. God is faithful. God promised Abraham and King David that He would always protect and preserve a name, a land, and a heritage for them throughout all of time and eternity and God always does what He says He will do.

Remember Queen Esther had requested a great feast and banquet to comply with the King's request to bless her and give her the desire of her heart. He said, he would give "half his kingdom" if she so requested. So, the banquet was set. After the first day, Queen Esther again asked the King and Haman to a banquet the following day. After everyone had arrived and were fed, the King, on the second day asked, "What is your request, Queen Esther?" ***Then Queen Esther replied, 'If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me as my petition, and my people as my request; for we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed and to be annihilated. Now if we had only been sold as slaves, men, and women, I would have remained silent, for the trouble would not be commensurate with the***

annoyance to the king.' Then King Ahasuerus asked Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who would presume to do this?' Esther said, 'A foe and an enemy is this wicked Haman!' Then Haman became terrified before the king and queen" (Esther 7:3-4). The King was so angry and upset that he immediately got up from the table and went into the courtyard to gather his thoughts. While the King went out to the courtyard garden, wicked Haman pleaded with Queen Esther for his life. "Now when the king returned from the palace garden into the place where they were drinking wine, Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was. Then the king said, 'Will he even assault the queen with me in the house?' As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face" (Esther 7:8). The King immediately had a sack put over Haman's face and He was hanged on the gallows so high that he had made for "Mordecai, the Jew."

Prayer and Action Steps

God rules in Heaven and Earth. Lord, please help me to trust you with every area of my life. Amen

Date _____ Scripture _____

- Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.
- Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.
- Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____
