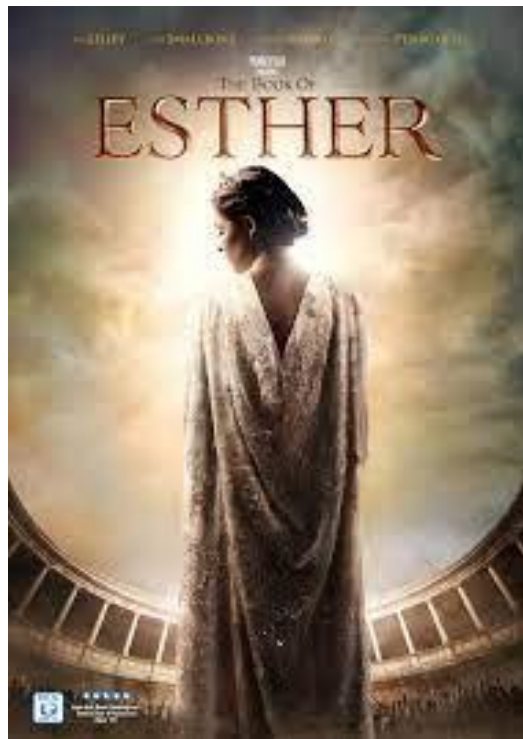
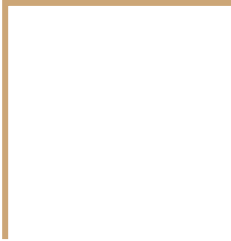




ESTHER

“For such a time as this” - Esther
4:14





Day 1

Esther 1-4



Background

- Esther was a young girl, who was an orphan
- Her parents passed away when she was young, so her older cousin Mordecai raised her as his child
- He taught Esther to love the Lord and to be humble
- Mordecai was Esther's cousin who worked in the king's palace
- Both Esther and Mordecai were Jews



King Xerxes



- King Xerxes was in rule during this time
- The queen was named Vashti
- The king had a party and invited the queen to come down, but the queen was prideful and did not listen to the king
- The king then said he was going to replace the queen
- He called for all of the young women of the land to come before him so he could choose the next queen

Esther before the King

- Esther 2:15
- Esther was such a humble girl that even though she was given the authority and power to choose whatever she wanted for makeup, for perfume, for clothes, she allowed for the kingsmen to pick for her
- She obtained favor of them who looked upon her
- Proverbs 12:2
- Esther was named queen, but kept secret that she was a jew



Mordecai and Haman



- Mordecai was a Jewish man that worked for the King
- He was very humble and loved the Lord
- Mordecai refused to bow down to anyone other than when he was praying to the Lord
- Haman also worked for the king and was not a Jew
- He wanted everyone to respect him, and was very prideful
- Haman knew Mordecai was a Jew and wanted him to bow down to him

Haman's Plan

- Haman came up with a plan to kill all of the Jewish people in the land
- Esther 3:5-6
- Haman's pride was so much that he hated not only Mordecai but all the Jewish people
- Esther 3:12-14
- This was the law that was passed to kill all the Jews



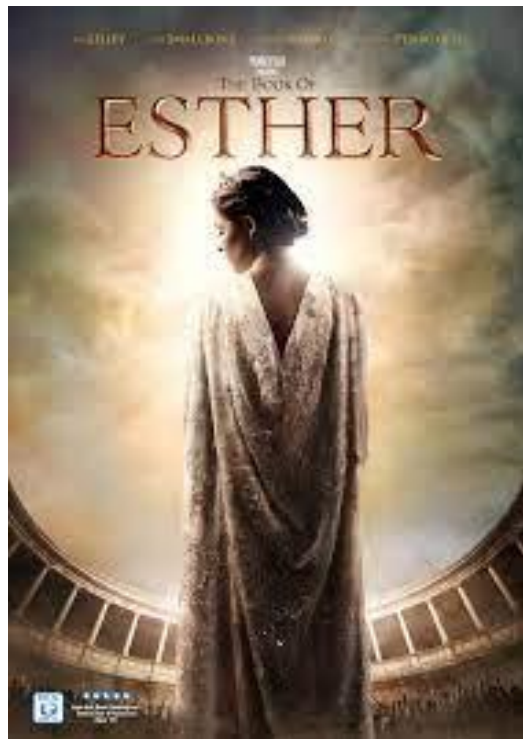
Esther's Concern for her People



- Esther heard about the law that was passed, and grieved
- Esther 4:1
- Esther 4:4-5
- Esther did not ignore the cry of her people, but grieved with them
- Mordecai tells Esther to plead in front of the King for the people
- Esther 4:11 - no one is allowed to come before the king unless invited
- Esther 4: 13-14 - for such a time as this
- Esther 4: 16 - Esther did not choose to just ignore, but rather asked for prayers

Takeaways

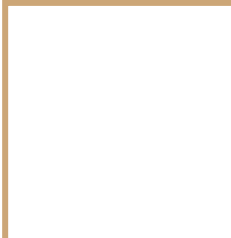
- Esther though she was given the chance to do whatever she wanted she stayed humble and true to what Mordecai had taught her
- She was true to living a life of a Jew
- When the time came she remembered her people, and listened to Mordecai to go to the King
- She asked for prayers before doing anything, and stayed humble



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Day 2

Esther 5- 10



Review

- Who is Esther's cousin?
- What was the name of the man that hated the Jews?
- Why was Esther considered to be the queen?
- Why was she different from all the other girls?
- How did Esther respond when her cousin asked her to go to the king?

Esther Appears before the King

- After 3 days of prayers Esther goes before the king
- Esther 5: 1-5
- The king obtained favor of Esther
- Lord Jesus helps us to obtain favor of other people who are above us if we live a life that is pleasing to Him



The Feast



- Esther 5:6 - 14
- Hamman's pride, and his wife's evil heart
- Esther 6: 1 - the Lord told the King
- Esther 6:1-14
- Humbleness of Mordecai, allowed for him to be praised from the King
- Hamman is shamed

Esther Pleads for Her Life

- At the second feast Esther asks to save her life
- Esther 7: 1-3
- Esther 7:6
- Esther 7: 10



Conclusion



- Mordecai is given Hamman's position Esther 8: 2
- New law was made
- Esther 8: 11, 16
- Esther 10: 1-3
- Honor of Mordecai