**Great Women of God: Esther**

*Book of Esther (selected Scriptures)*

1. **God’s Providential \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

There is not a single thing out of place in the sovereignty of the LORD. Though we may not understand the reasons why God has us in certain places or under certain conditions, yet the placement of our lives is under His control.

*1 Corinthians 7:17 ~ Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.*

1. **Haman’s Wicked \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Built on an ancient hatred, the plot of Haman was to bring to nothing the entire people of Israel. Here we find an illustration of the hatred of the enemy for Christ. He continues to try and destroy all who belong to Jesus.

*1 Peter 5:8 ~ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*

1. **Esther’s Courageous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Esther calls upon the Jewish people to pray, for she would need courage to attempt a rescue of her people. She takes the position that it is worth risking her life that she could be the means by which God would deliver the nation of Israel.

*Philippians 1:14 ~ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.*

1. **God’s Victory \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

The LORD turned Haman’s plans on his own head and he received the judgment that was planned for Mordecai. The greatest enemy is death, but even that enemy will be swallowed up in the greatest victory provided by God: everlasting life.

*1 Corinthians 15:54 ~ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”*

**Romans 16:20**

**The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.**

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**Additional Scripture References**

*(And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)*

**Daniel 2:21**

*He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.*

**Galatians 1:10**

*For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.*

**Acts 9:23-24**

*When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night in order to kill him,*

**Luke 4:13**

*And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.*

**Acts 20:22-23**

*And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me.*

**Psalm 31:24**

*Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!*

**Nehemiah 4:4**

*“Hear, O our God, for we are despised. Turn back their taunt on their own heads and give them up to be plundered in a land where they are captives.”*

**Psalm 141:10**

*Let the wicked fall into their own nets, while I pass by safely.*

**James 2:13**

*For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.*