

ESTHER

WEEK 2

FUTURE IMPLICATIONS...

Esther 1:19-20 (NLT) 19 “So if it please the king, we suggest that you issue a written decree, a law of the Persians and Medes that cannot be revoked. It should order that Queen Vashti be forever banished from the presence of King Xerxes, and that the king should choose another queen more worthy than she. 20 When this decree is published throughout the king’s vast empire, husbands everywhere, whatever their rank, will receive proper respect from their wives!”

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THE TIMES?

WHAT ARE WE CALLED TO DO WITH THE TIME WE ARE A PART OF?

WHAT IS THE POWER OF A PRECEDENT?

HERITAGE...

Esther 2:5-7 (NLT) At that time there was a Jewish man in the fortress of Susa whose name was Mordecai son of Jair. He was from the tribe of Benjamin and was a descendant of Kish and Shimei. 6 His family had been among those who, with King Jehoiachin of Judah, had been exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar. 7 This man had a very beautiful and lovely young cousin, Hadassah, who was also called Esther. When her father and mother died, Mordecai adopted her into his family and raised her as his own daughter.

WHY IS THE HERITAGE OF ESTHER SO IMPORTANT?

HOW CAN WE LOSE SIGHT OF WHAT IS IMPORTANT?

WHAT IS THE POWER OF REACHING OUTSIDE OF YOUR OWN SITUATION?

ADVICE...

Esther 2:15-17 (NLT) Esther was the daughter of Abihail, who was Mordecai's uncle. (Mordecai had adopted his younger cousin Esther.) When it was Esther's turn to go to the king, she accepted the advice of Hegai, the eunuch in charge of the harem. She asked for nothing except what he suggested, and she was admired by everyone who saw her. 16 Esther was taken to King Xerxes at the royal palace in early winter of the seventh year of his reign. 17 And the king loved Esther more than any of the other young women. He was so delighted with her that he set the royal crown on her head and declared her queen instead of Vashti.

WHY IS ADVICE IMPORTANT?

WHAT IS STRATEGIC ABOUT BEING TEACHABLE?

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE ALLOW THE LORD TO ORDER OUR STEPS?

AVOIDING BITTERNESS...

Esther 2:21-23 (NLT) One day as Mordecai was on duty at the king's gate, two of the king's eunuchs, Bigthana and Teresh—who were guards at the door of the king's private quarters - became angry at King Xerxes and plotted to assassinate him. 22 But Mordecai heard about the plot and gave the information to Queen Esther. She then told the king about it and gave Mordecai credit for the report. 23 When an investigation was made and Mordecai's story was found to be true, the two men were impaled on a sharpened pole. This was all recorded in The Book of the History of King Xerxes' Reign.

WHAT IS A ROOT OF BITTERNESS?

WHY IS IT SO POWERFUL?

WHAT IS ONE SIMPLE WAY TO AVOID BITTERNESS?