

Esther: The Purim (Exile & Return 20)

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Esther 1:1-3:15

- I. The King's Problem
 - A. Ahasuerus
 - B. An uncooperative queen
 - C. "Wise" advice (see Jeremiah 8:7; Psalm 104:19; Ecclesiastes 8:5; Acts 1:7; Romans 13:11; 1 Chronicles 12:32; Deuteronomy 33:2; Ezra 8:36; Daniel 6:8)
 - D. A new queen

- II. Mordecai and Hadassah
 - A. Mordecai (see 1 Samuel 9:1-2)
 - B. Esther (see Genesis 39:1-6; Daniel 1-2)
 - C. The tryout
 - D. The king's choice (see Esther 1:11)

- III. Haman and Mordecai
 - A. Mordecai saves the life of the king
 - B. Haman (see 1 Samuel 15; Numbers 24:7)
 - C. The trouble

- IV. The Die is Cast
 - A. The casting of lots
 - B. Haman's accusation

- V. Who Decides?
 - A. Casting lots in the Bible (see Leviticus 16:8-10; Numbers 26:55-56; 33:54; Joshua 18-21; Psalm 16:5-6; Joshua 7; 1 Samuel 14; Nehemiah 10-11; Proverbs 16:33; 18:18)
 - B. Who is in charge of our lives?