



ESTHER

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

TEACHING GUIDE

WEEK 1

ESTHER 1-2

MAIN THEMES -

1. The _____ of God.
2. God's _____.

KING AHASUERUS -

1. He's known in history as King _____, and was Persia's 5th King.
2. Ahasuerus was his _____ name and Xerxes is his Greek name.
3. He was a _____ ruler of a vast and mighty _____.
4. He was thirsty for more _____.

"His pride got the best of him, for if he couldn't command his own wife, how could he ever command the Persian armies. Since Vashti had embarrassed the King before his own leaders, the King had to do something to save both his ego and his reputation."

- Warren Wiersbe Bible Commentary

"This shows how God serves His own purposes even by the sins and follies of men."

- Matthew Henry

MORDECAI -

1. He lived in the city of _____.
2. He was a _____ from the tribe of Benjamin.
3. He was an _____.
4. He raised his _____ as his own daughter.

ESTHER -

1. Her Hebrew name was _____.
2. Her father and mother _____ when she was young.
3. She was raised by her older _____ Mordecai.
4. She was _____ and beautiful.
5. The Persian name Esther means "_____."
6. Her Hebrew name Hadassah means "myrtle" and the myrtle tree bears a flower that looks like a star.

BIG STORY - What do we learn about God?

1. God is _____.

"There is no attribute of God more comforting to His children than the doctrine of divine sovereignty."

-Charles Spurgeon.

2. God is always _____.

3. God's plans are _____, and we can be part of His plan if we align our lives with His _____.

LITTLE STORY - What did we learn about Esther?

1. She is _____.
2. She shows _____.
3. She shows _____.

LIFE APPLICATION -

1. We can _____ the sovereignty of God.
2. Trust that God never _____ a hurt.
3. When God _____ on your heart to do something, do it.

EXTRA NOTES:

