



Questions Week 1

Day 3:

What is the time and setting of the book of Esther?

How many provinces did King Xerxes reign? (Esther 1:1)

Who was his wife?

Why did the king want the Queen to come before him? (Esther 1:11)

What type of person is King Xerxes? What burned within the king? (Esther 1:12)

Did she obey the king's command? (Esther 1:15)

What does his relationship with Queen Vashti tell us about him?

What will happen after the king's decree is read throughout his empire? (Esther 1:20)

Day 5:

What was another name for Esther (Esther 2:7)

What else was given to her besides her allowance? (Esther 2:9)

Who obtained grace and favor in who's sight? (Esther 2:17)



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Fill in the blanks: "So the matter became known to _____, who told _____, and _____ informed the _____ in Mordecai's name." (Esther 2:22)

What happened to the gatekeepers? (Esther 2:23)

What was written in the chronicles, in the presence of the king?

How does this chapter frame Esther's journey in the coming chapters? How might she be feeling?

Day 6: Digging Deeper

How does the King misuse his authority and power? How should we treat those we have authority over?

What do you make of the Persian culture with its emphasis on outward beauty, submission of females to males, segregation of the sexes, harems, and the like seen in the Book of Esther?

How were women treated in that culture?

Why do you think Esther hid her Jewish identity? What does this tell us about the Persian society and the Jewish people in exile?

Does God ever use flawed and compromised people to serve His greater purposes? Can you name some examples?