

Life-Study of Esther Summaries

The Secret Care of the Hiding God

The book of Esther gives us a vivid record of how **the hiding God of Israel took care secretly of His oppressed elect** in their dispersion and **saved openly His persecuted elect** in their captivity. The **crucial point** of Esther is that **the very God who chose Israel, the descendants of Abraham, as His elect, after He gave them into captivity to the Gentile nations, became a hidden God to them to take care of them secretly and save them openly in secrecy.**

The hiding God **established a top king in the Gentile world** in prosperity, power, and glory over a great empire. Next, the hiding God **caused the top king to depose his queen** because of her disobedience to his word at his great banquet with his high officials. Finally, in His secret care the hiding God **raised up Esther, a Jewish orphan virgin, to be crowned by the top king as his queen.**

Today we need to realize that the omnipotent God whom we are serving is **still hiding Himself**, especially when He is helping us. We cannot see Him, and apparently He is not doing anything for us. Actually, **He is with us all the time** and, in a hidden way, He is doing many things for us.

The Open Salvation of the Hiding God in Secrecy

When all the Jews and Esther heard that Haman intended to kill Mordecai and destroy all the Jews throughout the empire, they fasted. **Although they fasted for their supplication to God, there is no mention of the name of God.** The king found in the records the report of how Mordecai had saved him from being assassinated by two of his eunuchs, and he decided to bestow honor and dignity on Mordecai. The king immediately sentenced Haman to death and commanded his men to hang Haman on the gallows which he had prepared for Mordecai.

In Esther 8:3 through 10:3 we see the open, triumphant victory of the Jews over their enemies—the open salvation of their hiding God to rescue them from their persecutors. The king issued through Mordecai a decree to authorize the Jews to destroy all their enemies throughout his empire. Throughout every province and every city, wherever the king's decree came, the Jews had gladness, joy, a feast, and a good day.

The story of the book of Esther is a crucial hidden point for the **fulfillment of God's calling to Abraham for a land, a seed (a people), and the blessing to all the nations.** The story of this book is also for the **fulfillment of the promise through Moses** that after God gave Israel into captivity, He would still take care of them. In addition, the story of the book of Esther is for the **fulfillment of the prayer of Solomon** on the day of the dedication of the temple that God would take care of His elect in their captivity.

Moreover, the story recorded in the book of Esther is also for **the keeping of the lineage of the genealogy of Christ through the survival of Israel** in their captivity that Christ might be brought into the human race. Finally, the story of the book of Esther is to **keep a people for the possessing of the holy land for the coming kingdom of Christ.** The people of God's elect who returned from captivity were small in number, yet they occupied and possessed at least a small portion of the earth, the holy land. This was significant because the earth had been usurped by Satna, and there seemed to be nothing left for the God of heaven and earth. However, God brought back a small number of His people to possess the holy land as a base for Christ to come back to establish His kingdom on earth.

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