

Hello All,

Welcome to Salt n Light Reflections Episode # 6

Today's Bible Study, read over the material below & answer the question's, there are also some assignments, you can listen to the episode too if you would like)

I will be going over Esther, and how the Holy Feast of Purim has to do with Eshter, and what it is and a little bit more on what we can learn from Esther and her example of Faith, courage, and bravery. We can also learn alot on obedience, and some symbolic meaning with The Bride of JESUS (YAHUSHUA) within the Story of Esther & the King, the King being symbolic for JESUS, (YAHUSHUA).

To start off, if you aren't familiar with Esther, let me go over a few thing's about her:

- Esther and her people the Jews face ongoing divison between the Amalekites and the Jews, and Haman wanted to destroy the Jews and wipe them out. However GOD had a plan and HE used Esther mightily to go before the King, on behalf of the Jews and plead for there lives, also exposing and revealing the evil plans that haman had towards the jews.
- Ultimately, Esther found favor with the King, and the Jews were saved and not destroyed. Esther fasted for 3 days before hand and prayed and had everyone do the same before she approached the king.
- Alot of preparing was involved, and just like Esther prepared herself before going to the King, we too want to prepare ourselves for our King, YAHUSHUA (JESUS). It's a symbolic picture of the Bride and YAHUSHUA JESUS, the Bridegroom.

- Haman also wanted to take position of being where Mordecai ended up being, as the King Favored Mordecai and Haman's evil plans and plots crushed to the ground and he and his family was hanged. It's a good reminder, through the story of Esther, that just like then, No weapon formed against YAH'S children shall prosper (Isaiah 54:17.) all of our enemies will be destroyed by YAHUVEH GOD'S hands.
- Through out the story of Esther, we see how brave she was, how courageous she was and how faithful and obedient she was. She took a huge risk, and could have cost her, her life by approaching the king, as she was not summoned to approach him. But GOD protected her and allowed her to find favor with the King, which brought total victory, for her and the Jews. Praise YAHUVEH GOD!, as HE always makes a way for HIS children and HIS people, and truly all of the enemies will feel the wrath of YAHUVEH GOD, and there plans will always fail.
- YAHUVEH GOD wants us just like Esther, to prepare for the King, to seek Purity, to obey, not because we have to but because we want to because we love YAHUVEH GOD, we love YAHUSHUA JESUS and HE wants us to be pleasing to HIM, being willing to take the steps in Faith even when it means it could cost us our lives, or we could go through hardships, persecution.
- There are many people around this world right now and have been for awhile who are facing serious persecution for their Faith. Let's remember to keep them in prayer, and that they will be safe they will be protected and provided for.

Some Key Verses from the Book of Esther:

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[Esther 2:15](#) - Now when the time came for Esther to go to the king, she asked for nothing other than what Hegai, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the harem, suggested.

[Esther 4:14](#) - For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise

from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to the royal position for such a time as this.

[Esther 6:13](#) - Since Mordecai, before whom your downfall has begun, is of Jewish origin, you cannot stand against him - you will surely come to ruin!

[Esther 7:3](#) - If I have found favor with you, O king, and if it pleases your majesty, grant me my life - this is my petition, and the life of my people - this is my request.

Purim takes place during the Time of Esther, so for those who are wondering what is Purim? It is one of YAHUVEH GODS Holy feast days.

This is a time where we go into prayer, seeing ourselves as we would approach YAHUVEH GODS throne, and intercede with our petitions just like Esther did.

We can pray that, we will have:

1. Victory in our battles
2. That our prayers & petitions will be heard and answered according to HIS will
3. Pray for judgement on the evil of this world
4. Prayers of deliverance, personally, and for others
5. Prayers for others on what they are facing such as persecution etc
6. You enter into HIS presence with thanks and gratitude
7. You want to pray to be counted worthy, and anything else that HE places on your heart to pray.

For more thorough instructions for those who desire to be the Bride of YAHUSHU (JESUS) you can check out the link I'll post below, in the info section to learn more. Credit to amightywind.com which is YAHUVEH GODS end time ministry.

After approaching the throne and interceding, it's traditional to have a festive meal and celebrate the Victory the Jews had and Esther but also how YAHUVEH GOD give us Victory, and helps us to overcome. For our protection against all evil and for HIS provisions.

Top 10 Lessons from the Life of Esther

1. God's Hand at Work

From the very start, Esther's story demonstrates that events aren't just random. [Esther 2:17](#) highlights that "the king loved Esther more than all the other women," setting the stage for her remarkable influence. Time after time, unseen guidance leads her to where she needs to be, reminding us that when circumstances seem coincidental, there may be a far bigger plan at play.

2. Boldness in the Face of Danger

When everything was on the line, Esther didn't shrink back. She declared in [Esther 4:16](#), "If I perish, I perish." That willingness to stand firm, even at great personal risk, shows the power of stepping out in confident faith rather than letting fear hold us back.

3. Embracing Your Calling

Mordecai's words in [Esther 4:14](#) ring through the ages: "Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther's realization that her position wasn't random can encourage us to recognize our own unique opportunities. Whenever doubt creeps in, there's comfort in believing we're placed precisely where we need to be.

4. Wisdom Gained Through Counsel

Esther didn't face her mission alone. She listened to Mordecai's guidance, underscoring the value of seeking counsel from those who offer wise perspective. The result of listening and acting together paved the way for blessing.

5. The Power of Prayer and Fasting

Esther's determination included a call for corporate prayer and fasting. Though the text doesn't describe all the details, her approach in [Esther 4:16](#) makes it clear that she sought divine intervention before confronting the king. This highlights how a posture of humility and dependence can bring clarity and breakthrough.

6. Humility That Opens Doors

Even when Esther approached King Xerxes, she displayed humility rather than arrogance. She recognized her position and petitioned with respect. This approach softened hearts and kept doors wide open for her requests—an inspiring lesson in how humility can yield great results.

7. Standing Against Injustice

The plot to destroy Esther's people was ruthless, but her willingness to intervene speaks volumes about justice. She courageously revealed Haman's evil plan ([Esther 7:6](#)), demonstrating the value of speaking up for truth, even when silence might have seemed like the safer option.

8. Pride Comes Before a Fall

Haman's downfall in the Book of Esther is a stark warning about arrogance. His quest for power and recognition turned against him, illustrating [Proverbs 16:18](#) in a real-life way. It's a reminder to guard our hearts from the kind of pride that leads to destruction.

9. Unity in Faith

Esther and Mordecai stood together, but they also rallied support from the broader community who joined in fasting and seeking help. The collective unity in the crisis ensured a triumphant outcome, revealing how coming together in faith can produce powerful change.

10. Celebration of Deliverance

In the end, God's providence is gloriously on display. [Esther 9](#) recounts how a day of intended sorrow turned into gladness. That turnaround still inspires us to rejoice in moments of deliverance and give thanks for every victory—letting gratitude overflow from hearts filled with hope and joy.

Bible Study Question's:

- 1. What lessons about Faith and Bravery can be drawn from Esther's experiences?**
- 2. Have you ever had a situation where you had to take a huge step in Faith and be Bold?**
- 3. How did it help you?**
- 4. What is something Symbolic you see in Esther & the King?**
- 5. How can we prepare ourselves for the King , like Esther did, the King being YAHUSHUA (JESUS)?**
- 6. What are the key themes in the Book of Esther?**

Assignments:

1. Analyze the character of Esther and her role as a leader and advocate.

2. Examine the themes of courage and faith demonstrated throughout the narrative