



God's Sovereignty in the Book of Esther
Esther Introduction | 1/3/20

Background

- Esther is the last of the Historical Books of the Bible. (Joshua – Esther)
- Esther's author is unknown.
- The book was likely written from 485-464 B.C. but we cannot be sure since the author is unknown.
- The setting of the book is the Persian Empire. During this time the Persians reigned over 2,682 miles in the East stretching from modern day India to Ethiopia.

Interesting Notes About Esther

- Esther reads like a _____ story.
- Esther is only one of two books of the bible titled after a _____.
- Originally, Esther was written to explain the origin of the Feast of _____ and to ensure that it would be observed by all future generations of Jewish people.

Main Theme: God is divinely sovereign.

1. God's sovereignty over _____.
 - A. God works through proud _____.
 - King Ahasuerus
 - B. God works through _____ leaders.
 - Esther
 - Esther was a _____.
 - Esther was _____.
 - Esther was a _____.

- C. God works through unlikely _____.
 - Mordechai
 - D. God works through _____ men.
 - Haman
2. God's sovereignty over _____.
- A. God always _____.
 - B. God faithfully _____ for and _____ his people.
 - C. God is never _____. (He's always working behind the scenes.)
 - D. God never has _____.
 - E. God is at work in the _____.

Getting the Most out of This Study

1. Commit to reading the book of Esther this week and one full time each month that we spend in the book. (Two chapters per day over five days completes the book.)
2. Read and study through the chapter of Esther that we're going to be working through each Sunday before coming to church. (We'll be working through one chapter of the book each week.)
3. Purchase a scripture journal and write down what God is teaching you as we study together through this book. (Available for \$4 beginning next Sunday).
4. Ladies, consider joining one of the Ladies Bible Studies in Esther if you haven't already.

Announcements

- **Three new classes begin this morning from 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**
 - 4th – 6th Grade – Rm. 106
 - 7th – 12th Grade – Rm. 114
 - Ladies Bible Study – Rm. 305
- **One Adult Bible Study class begins next week.**
 - Genesis 1-11 – Rm. 304
- **Communion will be held tonight at DBC beginning at 6:00 p.m.** Join us for a socially distanced communion service as we sing, share testimonies, learn from God's Word and partake in Communion together.