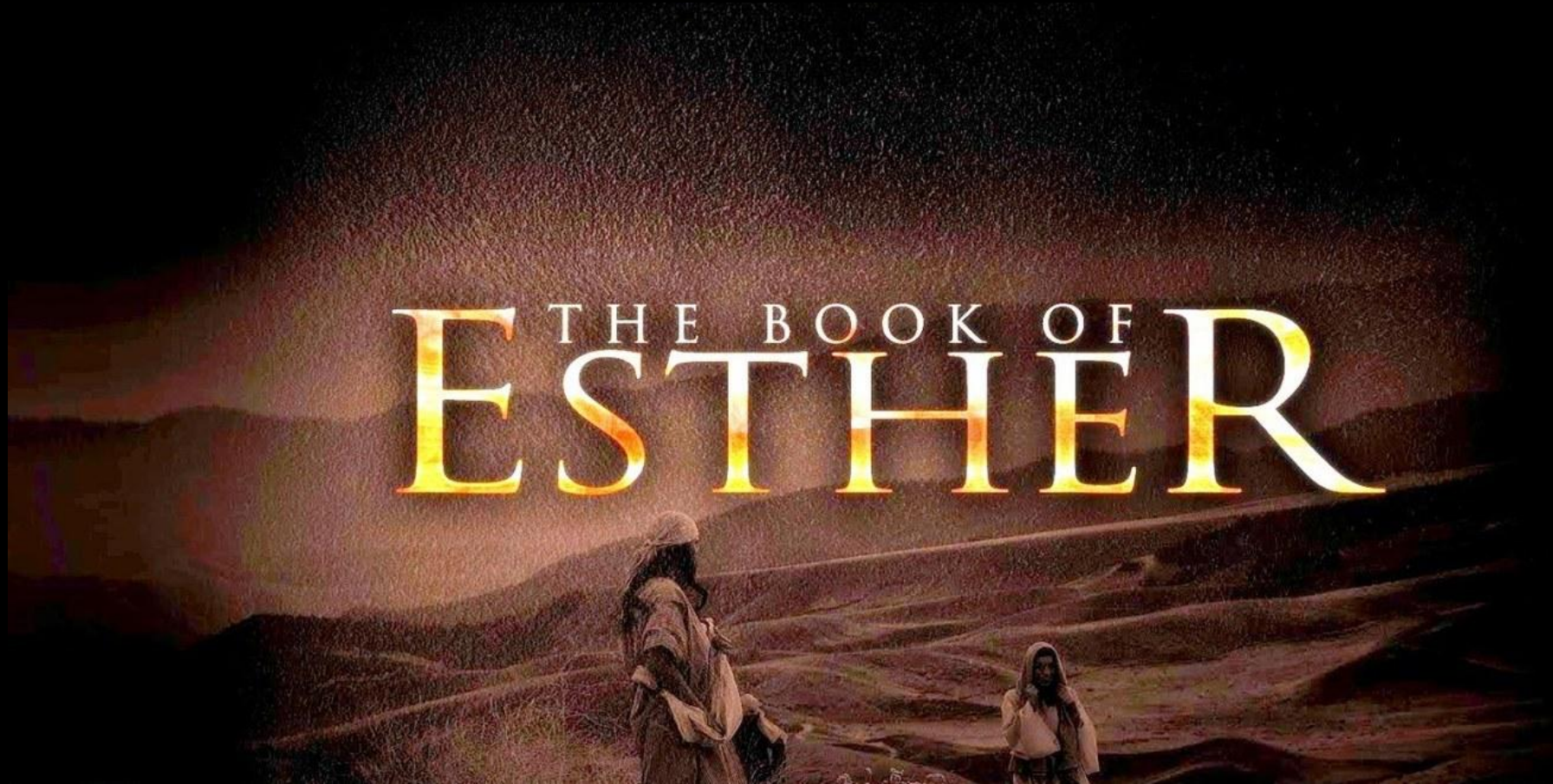


Esther - Jesus & Remnant: Divine Providence and Community & Solidarity



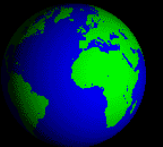
Past > Present > Future



www.prophecylive.org



**Learn from the Past > Understand the Present >
Prepare for the Future**



Inreach & Outreach Resource



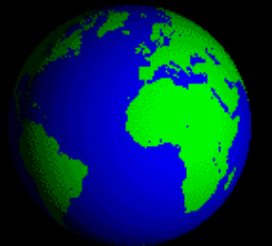
This booklet is an eye opener of what's happening in the world.

This 40 page A5 size booklet has the key aspects of the –

PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE.

It's available at the cost of printing & postage for bulk orders.

PDF is available on ProphecyLive.org

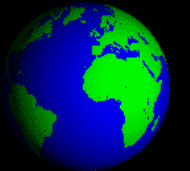


Enter The Ark of Hope

The Great Controversy between God and
Satan is primarily over

“WORSHIP”

Who will you Choose?



Get into the Ark

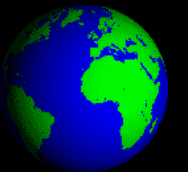
Sanctuary



**And let them
make me a
sanctuary;
that I may dwell
among them.**

– Exodus 25:8

Psalms 77:13



Health Snippet – Swede

Health Benefits of Swede (Seek Medical Advice)

Swede known as Rutabaga is a root vegetable of the Brassica genus of plants. It's round with a brownish-white colour and looks like a cross between a turnip and a cabbage.

One medium rutabaga (386 grams) provides: Calories: 143, Carbs: 33g, Protein: 4g, Fat: 0.5g, Fiber: 9g, Vitamin C: 107%, Potassium: 35%, Magnesium: 18%, Calcium: 17%, Vit E: 7%.

Improved Digestive Health: High fibre helps regular bowel movements, prevents constipation, and supports healthy gut.

Heart Health Support: helps regulate fluid balance in the body, reduces the risk of stroke, high blood pressure, and heart disease and lower "bad" (LDL) cholesterol levels.

Immune System Boost: rich in antioxidant boost the immune system produce WBC to fight against infections and illness.

Antioxidant and Anti-inflammatory: help neutralize harmful free radicals, reduce inflammation, < risk of chronic diseases and cancers, keeps skin strong, help prevent premature aging.

Strong Bones: high in essential minerals for maintaining strong bone tissue and help prevent osteoporosis.

Diabetes: high fibre slows the digestion & absorption of sugar.

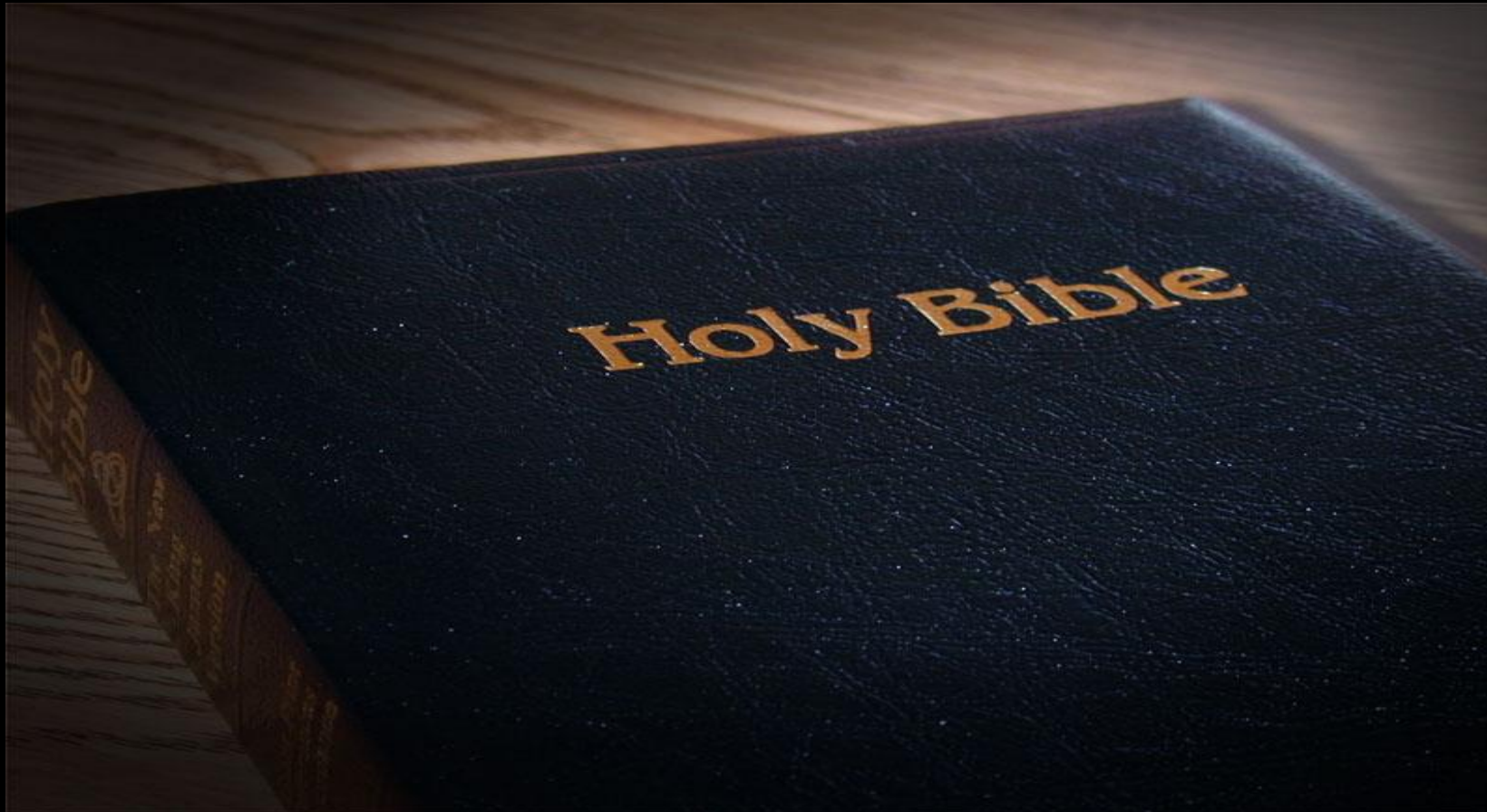
Side effects: in some gas & bloating, rarely allergic reactions

HEALTH BENEFITS OF SWEDE

1. Supports digestive functions*
2. Boosts immune system*
3. Helps reduce cholesterol levels*
4. Aids in lowering the blood pressure*
5. Assists in weight loss management*
6. Improves eye health*
7. Good for the bones*
8. Aids in cognitive functions*



Can We Trust Bible Prophecy?



Yes, we Can!

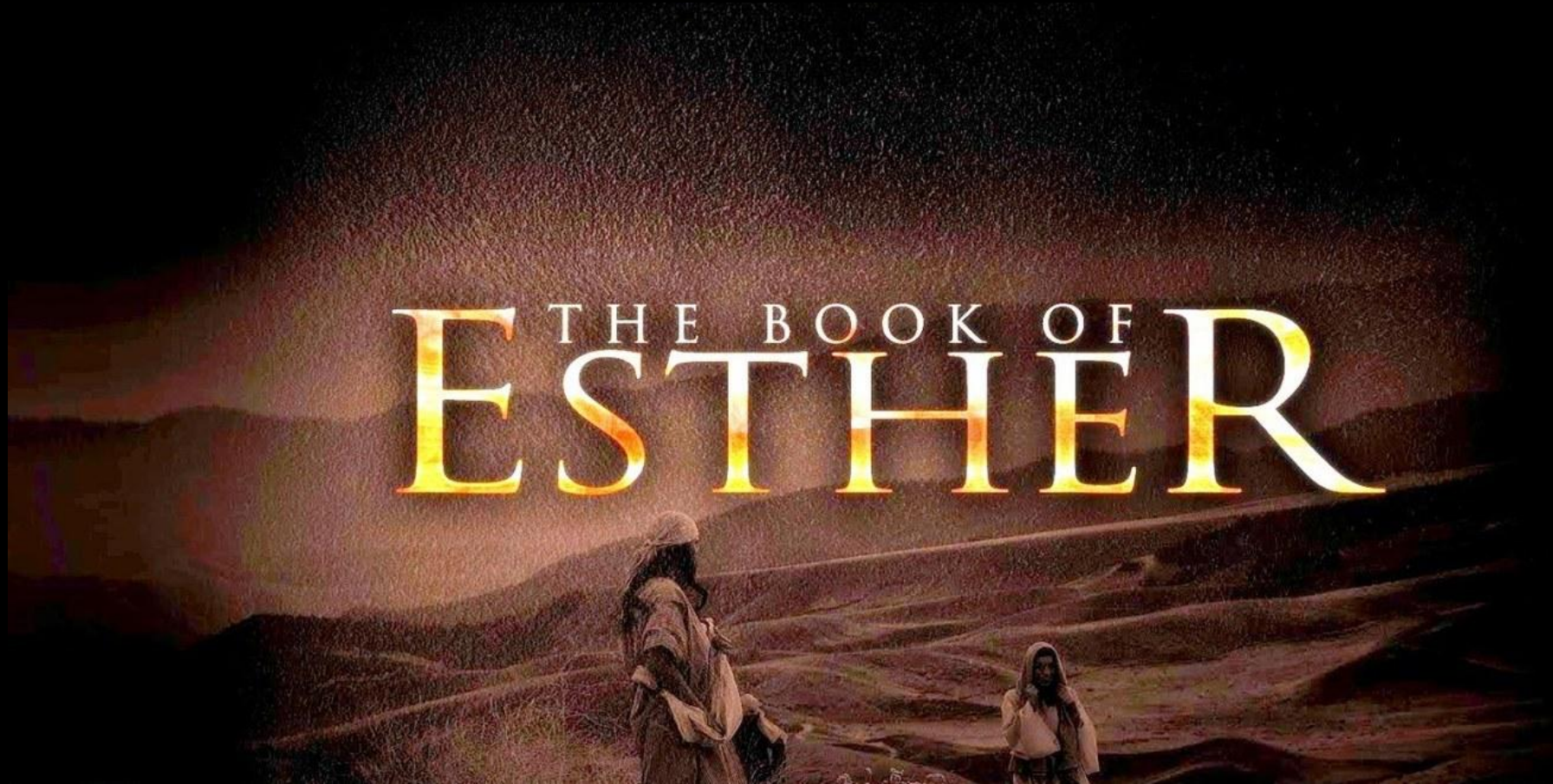
Esther 4:14

For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?

Knowing-Jesus.com



Esther - Jesus & Remnant: Divine Providence and Community & Solidarity



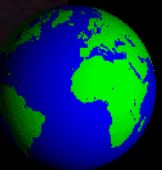
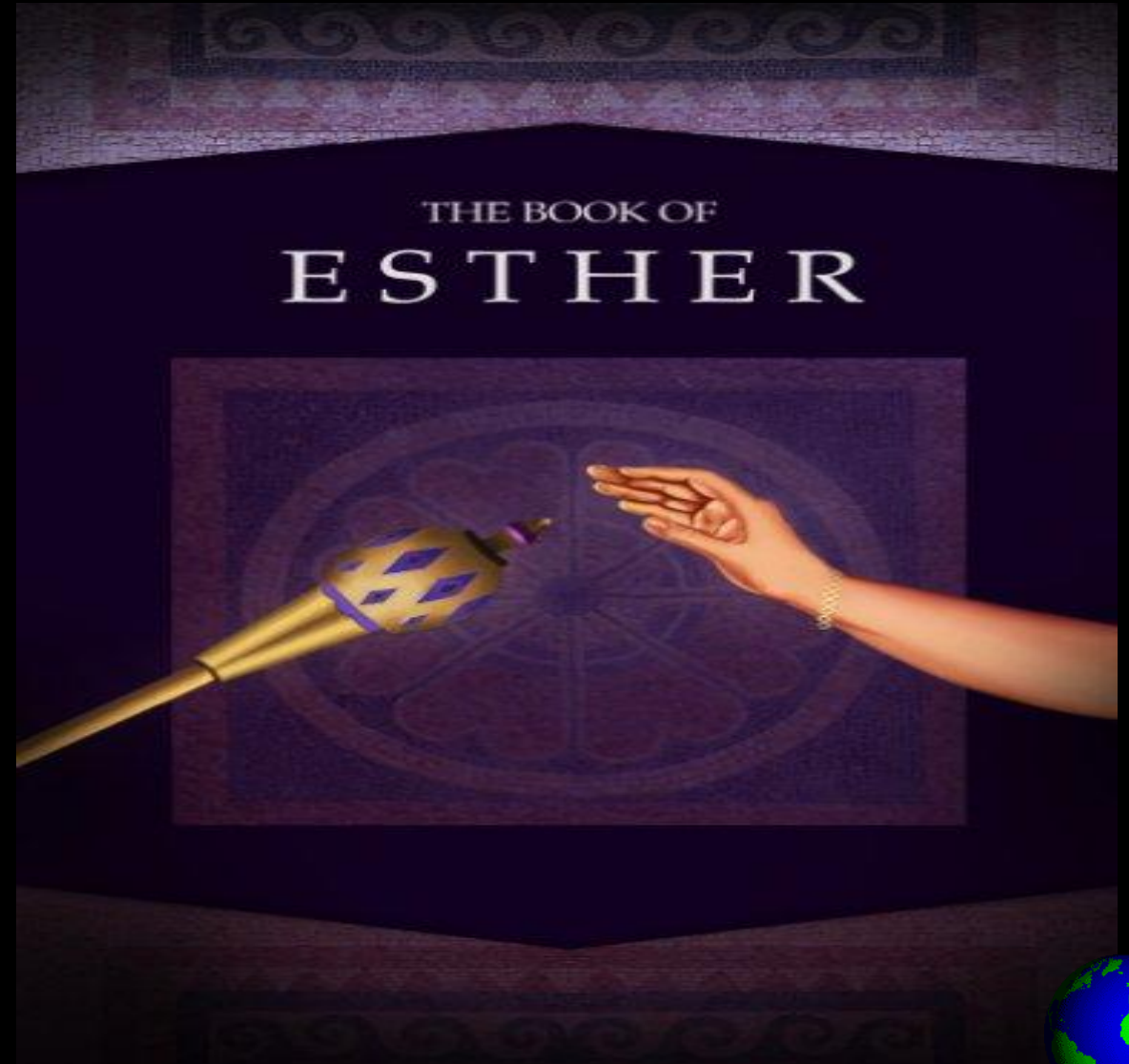
Past > Present > Future



Introduction

Key themes in the book of Esther include divine providence and God's hidden presence, courage and faithfulness in the face of adversity, and the reversal of fortune where evil plots are turned against the plotter.

Other themes are the importance of identity and heritage, community solidarity, justice and retribution, and the contrast between pride and humility.



Introduction

Divine providence and hidden presence:

Despite God's name not being explicitly mentioned, the book shows divine providence working behind the scenes to protect the Jewish people.

God's hand is seen in the coincidental timing of events and the actions of His people.

Courage and faithfulness:

Esther and Mordecai demonstrate courage and faithfulness in a dangerous situation.

The story encourages individuals to act with courage and solidarity, even when facing deadly threats.

It emphasizes that human action and courage are still necessary even when God is guiding events.



Introduction

Reversal of fortune:

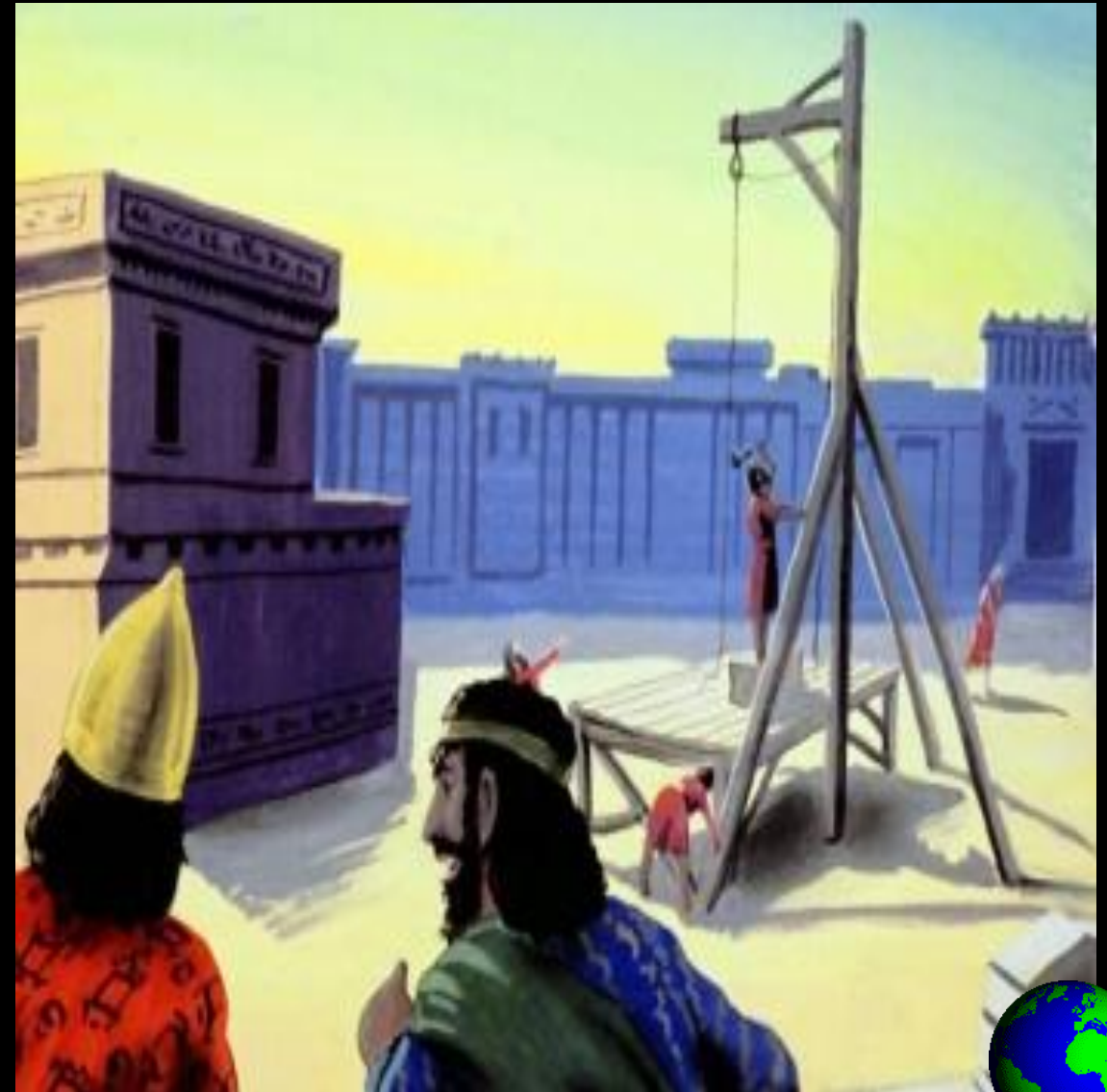
The book features a dramatic reversal of fortune, where Haman's plot to destroy the Jews results in his own downfall.

The theme of "measure for measure" is evident, as Haman is hanged on the very gallows he built for Mordecai.

Identity and community:

Esther's Jewish identity, which she initially hid, becomes central to the story and its resolution.

The theme of community solidarity and the importance of standing by one's people is crucial for their survival.



Introduction

Pride vs. humility:

The story highlights the contrast between the pride of characters like Haman and the humility of Esther and Mordecai.

It shows that the proud are often brought down, while God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble.

Justice and retribution:

The narrative concludes with poetic justice, as Haman's evil plans are thwarted and he is punished for his wickedness.

The Jewish people are instead victorious and are given the power to defend themselves.



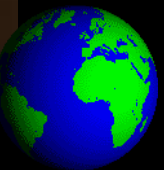
1 - Jesus in the book of Esther

Intercession and Mediation

1. Esther risked her life by approaching King Xerxes uninvited to plead for the lives of her people, the Jews. [Esther 4:16](#)



This act of intercession mirrors Jesus' role as the ultimate Mediator between humanity and God the Father. [1 Timothy 2:5](#)



1 - Jesus in the book of Esther

Access to the King

2. Esther approached the Persian king without being summoned and was punishable by death unless the king extended his golden sceptre. [Esther 4:11](#)

Jesus holds the "sceptre" or pathway that grants believers access to God's presence, an access that is not naturally available because of sin. [Hebrews 1:8](#)



1 - Jesus in the book of Esther

Willingness to Perish

3. Esther's famous declaration, "If I perish, I perish", demonstrates her willingness to lay down her life for her people. [Esther 4:16](#)



Jesus was willing and ultimately sacrificed His life on the cross for the salvation of humanity. [1 Peter 2:24](#)



1 - Jesus in the book of Esther

Identification with the People

4. For Esther to help her people, she had to fully identify with them as a Jew, even though her identity was initially hidden. [Esther 2:10](#)



Jesus being born in the likeness of men to fully identify with humanity and take their place to accomplish salvation. [Philippians 2:6-7](#)



1 - Jesus in the book of Esther

The Three-Day Period

5. Esther's fast and affliction lasted for three days before she appeared before the king. [Esther 5:1](#)

Jesus also had a three-day period of death, burial and resurrection, after which He ascended to the throne of God. [Matthew 12:40](#)

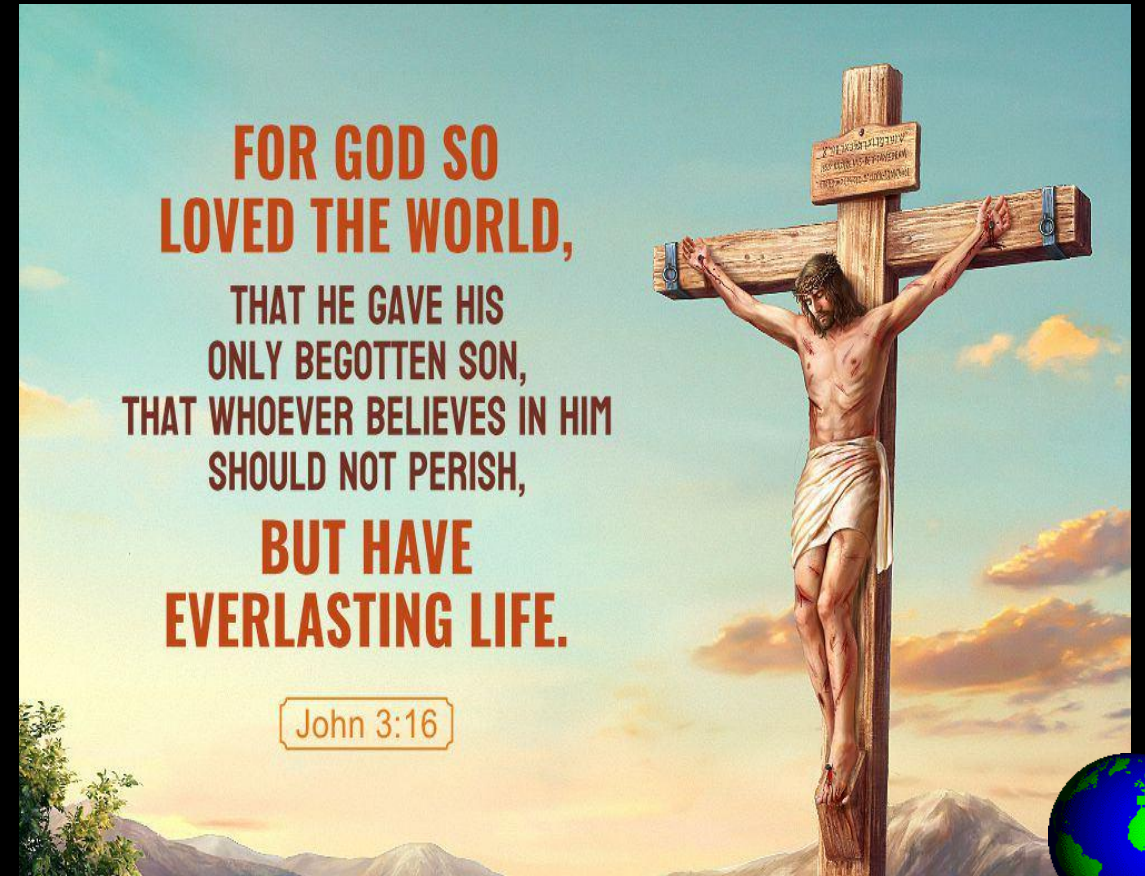


1 - Jesus in the book of Esther

Salvation from Destruction

6. The central theme of Esther is the deliverance of the Jewish people from Haman's plot of annihilation. [Esther 4:14](#)

Jesus' mission to save all people from the ultimate destruction of sin and eternal death. [John 3:16](#)



1 - Jesus in the book of Esther

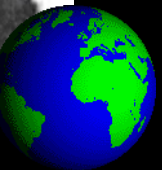
Divine Reversal of Fate

7. The wicked Haman is defeated and ultimately hung on the gallows he built for Mordecai, while Mordecai is exalted. [Esther 7:10](#)



With Jesus, what looked like defeat at the cross became God's ultimate victory over sin and Satan, turning mourning into joy. [1 Corinthians 15:57](#)

Jesus Wins—Satan Loses



1 - Jesus in the book of Esther

Advocate and Intercessor

8. Mordecai acted as an advocate for the Jewish people, counselling Esther and urging her to intercede with the king for their salvation. [Esther 4:14](#)



Jesus' role as our Great High Priest and advocate, who intercedes with God the Father on behalf of believers. [Hebrews 7:25](#)

J

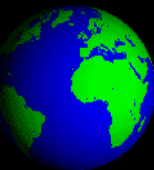
esus, our great



H

igh Priest

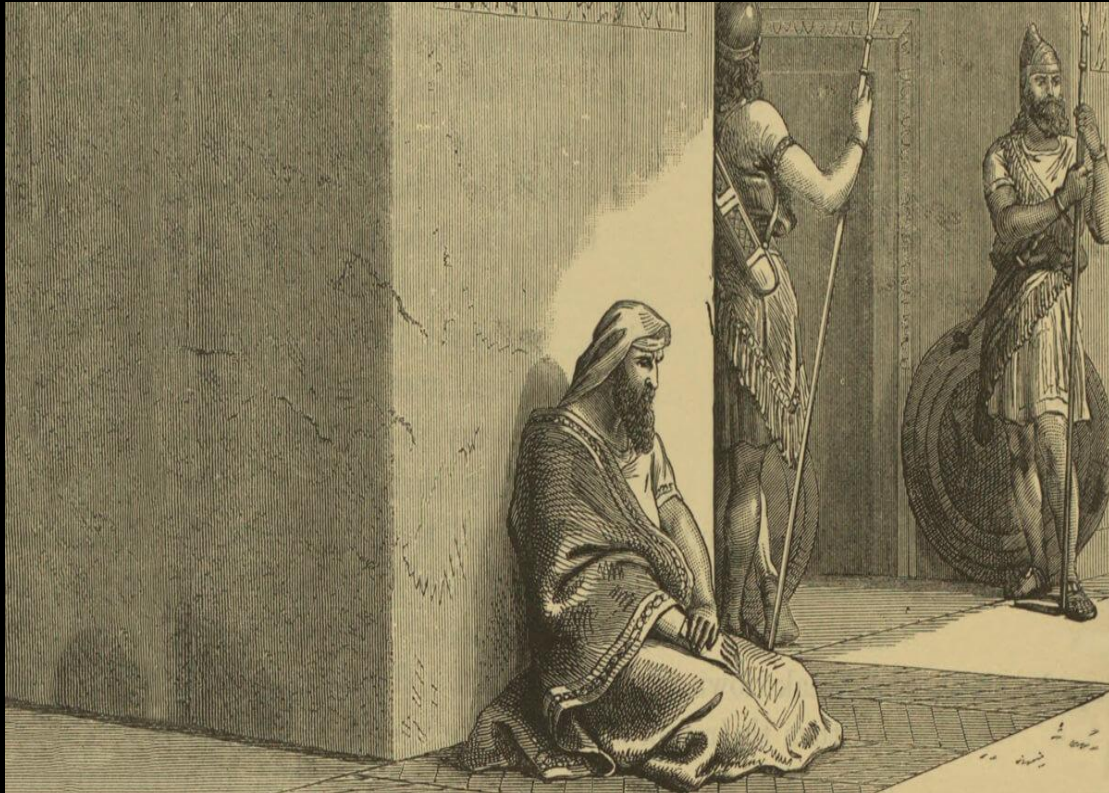
is able to
sympathise with
our weaknesses



1 - Jesus in the book of Esther

Deliverance through Self-Sacrifice

9. Mordecai risked his life by wearing sackcloth at the king's gate and encouraged Esther to go before the king set in motion the events that led to the Jews' deliverance. [Esther 4:1-2](#)



Jesus, as the ultimate deliverer, willingly laid down his life on the cross to save humanity from sin and eternal death. [John 10:18](#)



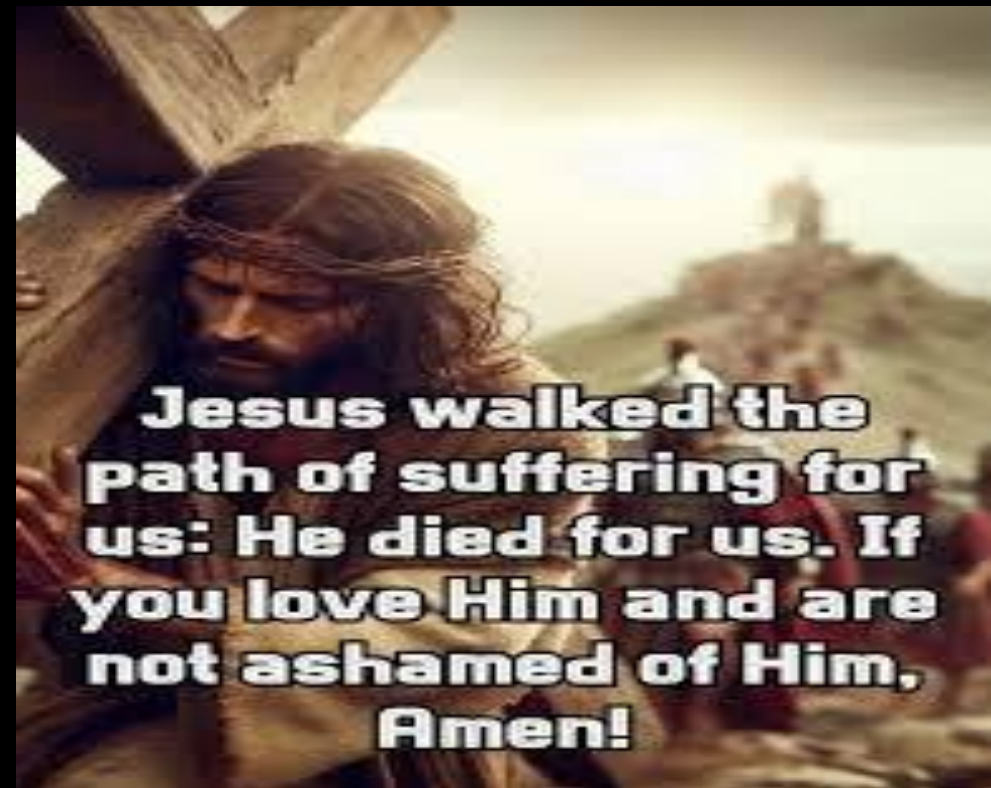
1 - Jesus in the book of Esther

Humiliation and Exaltation

10. Mordecai was initially unrewarded for saving the king's life, but was later exalted to a position second only to the king, given the king's signet ring, and arrayed in royal apparel. [Esther 2:21-23](#)



Jesus' path from humiliation of death on the cross to His resurrection and exaltation to the right hand of God the Father, where all authority is given to Him. [Philippians 2:9-11](#)



1 - Jesus in the book of Esther

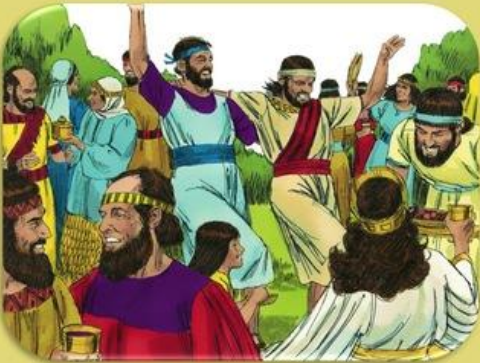
Seeking the Good of His People

11. The biblical account concludes by noting that Mordecai "sought the good of his people and spoke peace to all his kindred". [Esther 10:3](#).

Jesus' entire ministry was, and is, about seeking the well-being, peace, and eternal riches of His people. [John 10:10](#)



Mordecai the Jew



was, speaking
peace to all his
countrymen

Esther 10:3

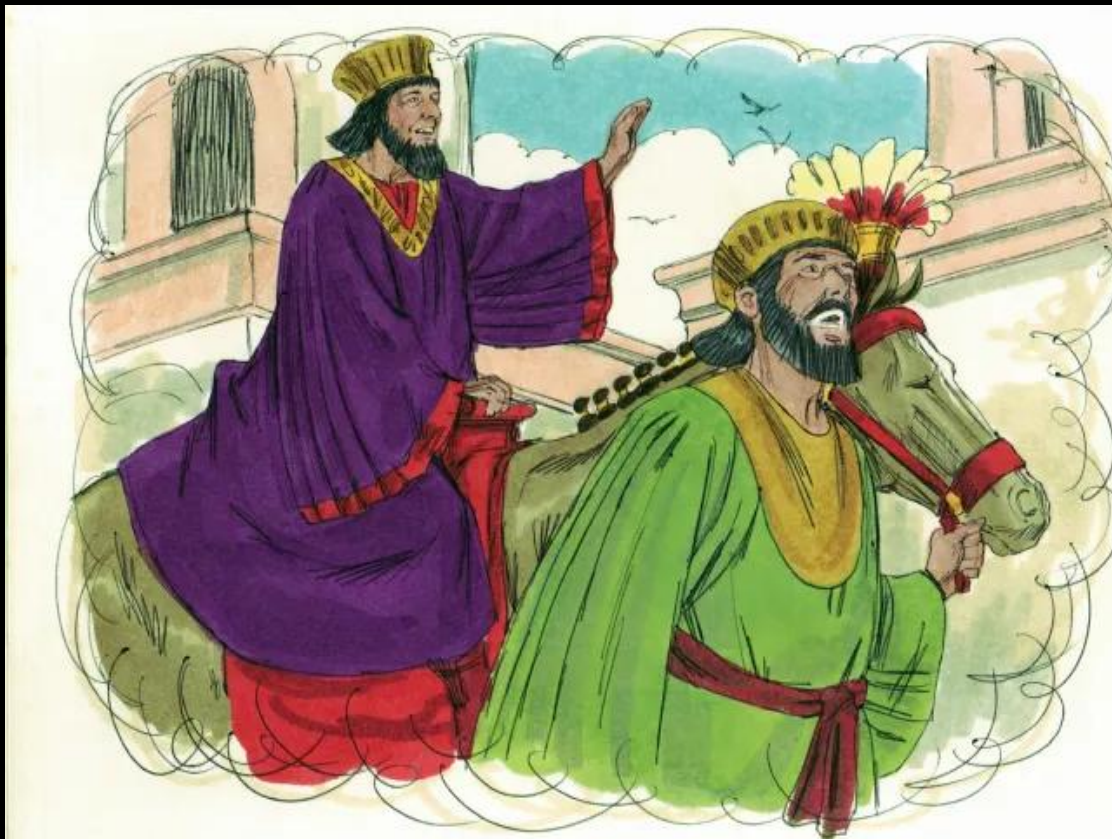
[Knowing-Jesus.com](#)



1 - Jesus in the book of Esther

Triumph over the Enemy

12. Mordecai's rise to power resulted in the defeat of Haman, the Jews' adversary. [Esther 7:10](#)



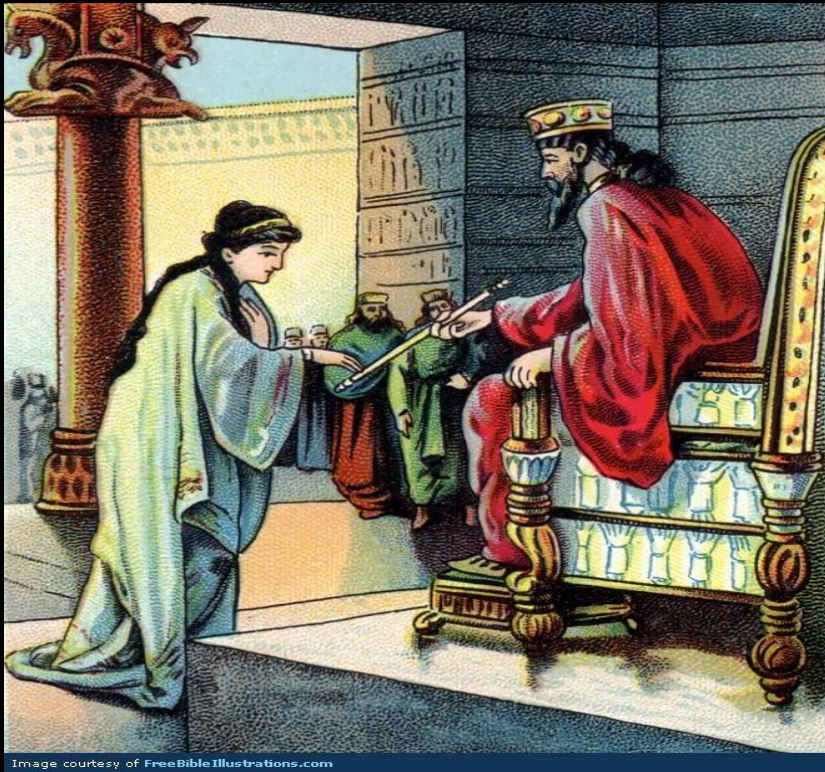
Jesus's death and resurrection spoiled principalities and powers, triumphing over Satan, sin, and death. [Colossians 2:15](#)



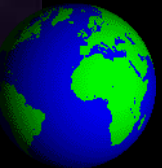
1 - Jesus in the book of Esther

Intercession and Access to the King

13. King Ahasuerus's court was restricted; approaching him without being called results in death penalty unless he extended his golden sceptre.
Esther 4:11



Jesus, who, as the ultimate mediator, allows believers direct and confident access to God's "throne of grace" at any time to receive mercy and find help.
Hebrews 4:16



1 - Jesus in the book of Esther

Kingship and Kingdom

14. Ahasuerus was a powerful but flawed earthly king who ruled a temporary kingdom and decisions were at times impulsive. [Esther 1:1-4](#)



Jesus is the perfect, eternal King of Kings who rules a never-ending Kingdom of Heaven with unwavering justice, wisdom, and compassion. [Luke 1:32-33](#)



2 - Remnant in the book of Esther

Divine Providence in Unseen Ways

1. In the book of Esther God's guiding hand is evident throughout the narrative through a series of "coincidences" and perfect timings. [Esther 4:14](#)

Remnant has assurance that God is always at work behind the scenes, orchestrating events to protect and deliver His people. [Romans 8:28](#)



2 - Remnant in the book of Esther

Courage in the Face of Danger

2. Esther's decision to approach the king without a summons, risking her life, is a powerful example of boldness in the face of fear. [Esther 4:16](#)

The Remnant is called to have similar courage, to stand for truth and principle even when it is risky or difficult. [1 Corinthians 16:13](#)

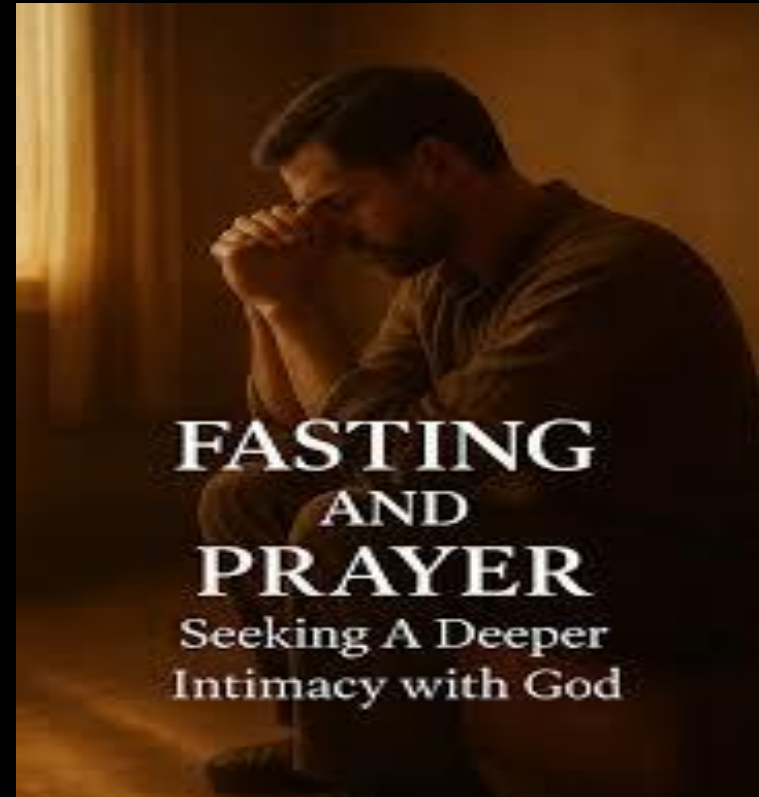


2 - Remnant in the book of Esther

The Power of Prayer and Fasting

3. Before taking action, Esther, her maids, and the Jewish community engaged in three days of fasting and prayer. [Esther 4:16](#)

Remnant should seek God's guidance and strength through fasting and prayer and self-denial when facing a crisis. [Philippians 4:6-7](#)

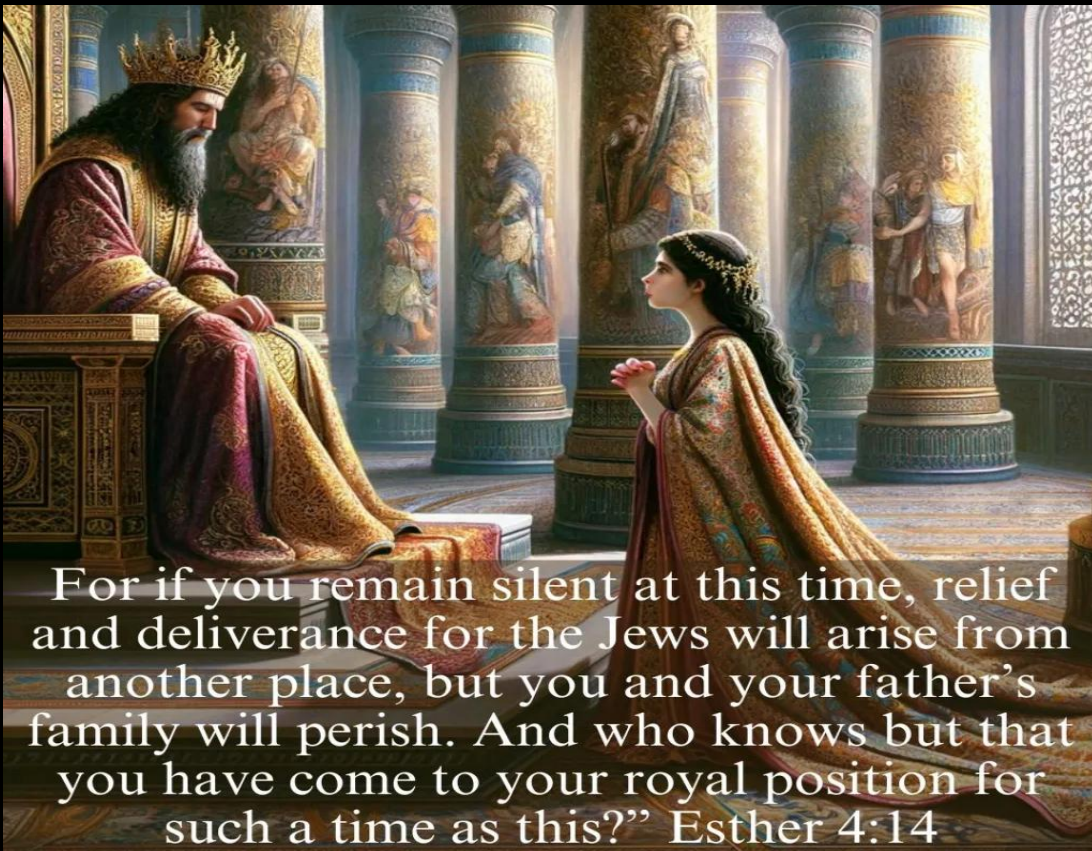


2 - Remnant in the book of Esther

Using Our Position for God's Purpose

4. Esther used her royal position to advocate for her people and prevent their annihilation. [Esther 4:14](#)

Remnant is reminded that whatever position or influence they have, it is given to them by God to us for him. [Romans 13:1](#)



2 - Remnant in the book of Esther

Obedience and Trust

5. Despite her initial hesitation and fear, Esther chose obedience to Mordecai's counsel and, ultimately, to God's will. [Esther 4:14](#)

Remnant should remain obedient to God's Word and trust in His plan, even when the outcome is uncertain. [John 14:15](#)



BEING OBEDIENT TO GOD'S WORD



*"Blessed are those who hear the
word of God and keep it!"*

Luke 11:28

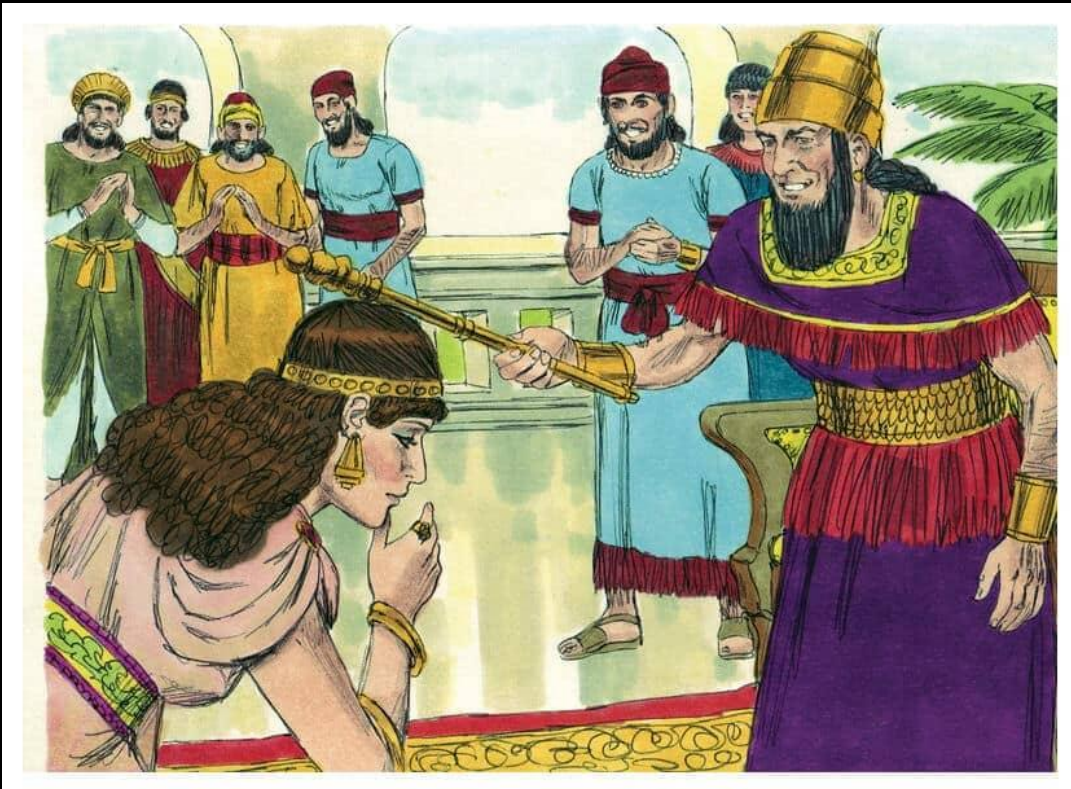


2 - Remnant in the book of Esther

God Uses Imperfect People

6. The story of Esther shows that God can use "normal," imperfect people to accomplish His plans. [Esther 4:14](#)

God can work through the Remnant despite their human shortcomings to fulfil His purposes. [Romans 11:5](#)



2 - Remnant in the book of Esther

Unwavering Loyalty to God

7. Mordecai's act of faith was his refusal to bow down to Haman, a high official, because his convictions dictated, he would only bow to God. [Esther 3:2](#)



Remnant need to obey God's commandments above any human authority, even when facing severe persecution or death. [Acts 5:29](#)



“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.”

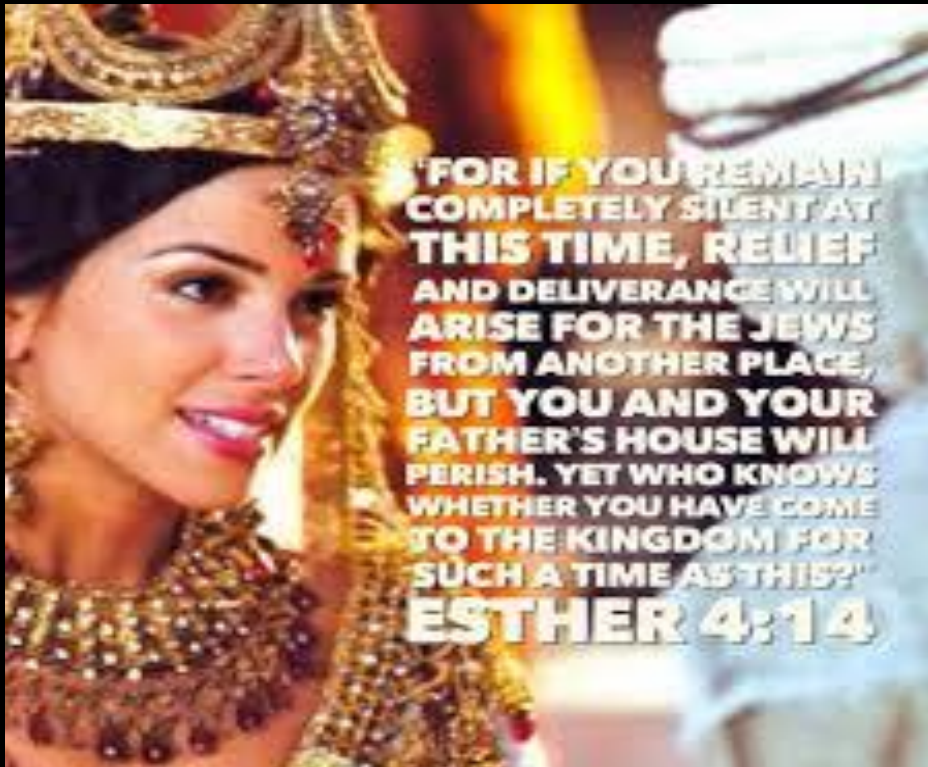


2 - Remnant in the book of Esther

Trust in Divine Providence

8. When Haman's plot was set in motion, Mordecai remained convinced that deliverance for the Jews would arise, even if Esther chose not to act.
[Esther 4:14](#)

Remnant trust in God's unseen hand working behind the scenes, even when circumstances seem hopeless or God seems silent. [John 13:7](#)



2 - Remnant in the book of Esther

Courage in the Face of Crisis

9. Mordecai's instruction to Esther—
"Who knows whether you have come to
the kingdom for such a time as this?"—is
a call to action. [Esther 4:14](#)

Remnant must be ready to act in courage
and boldness when the time comes to
stand up against injustice, regardless of
personal risk. [2 Timothy 1:7](#)

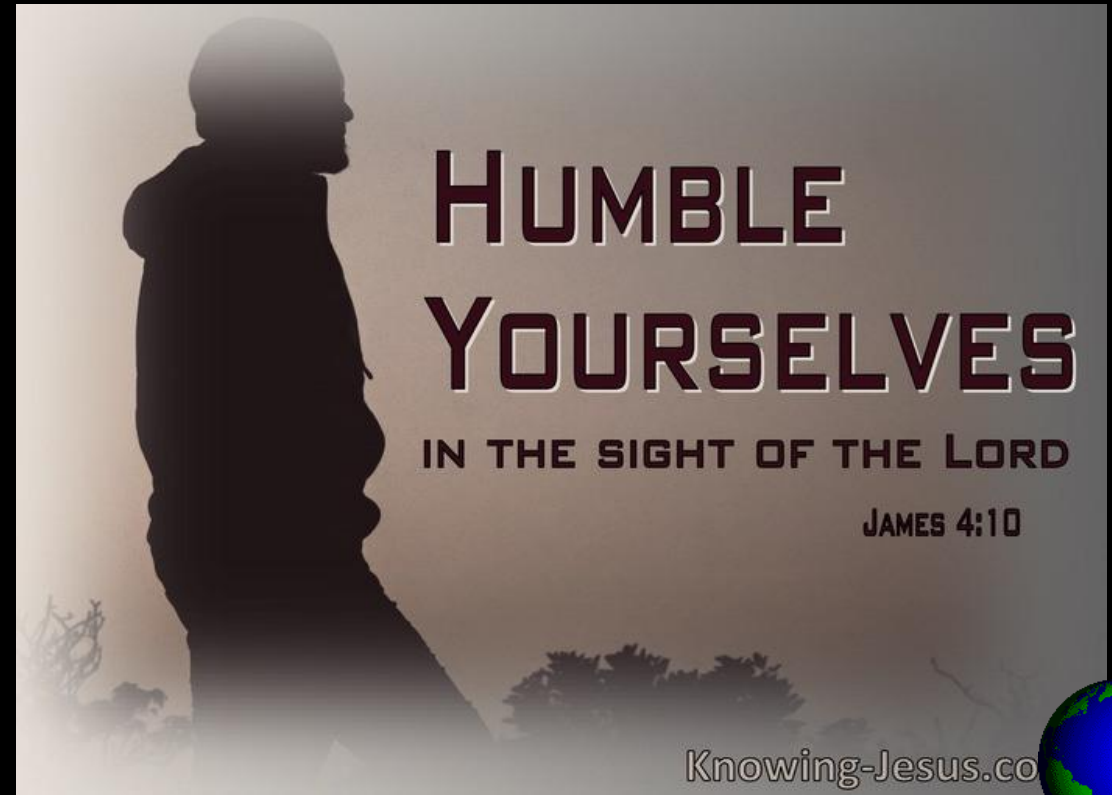


2 - Remnant in the book of Esther

Faithfulness in "Small Things"

10. Mordecai was faithful in his duties: raising orphaned Esther with care and integrity and exposing an assassination plot against the king. [Esther 2:21-23](#)

Remnant need humility and faithfulness in seemingly minor responsibilities which builds the character needed for greater challenges and influence later. [Luke 16:10](#)

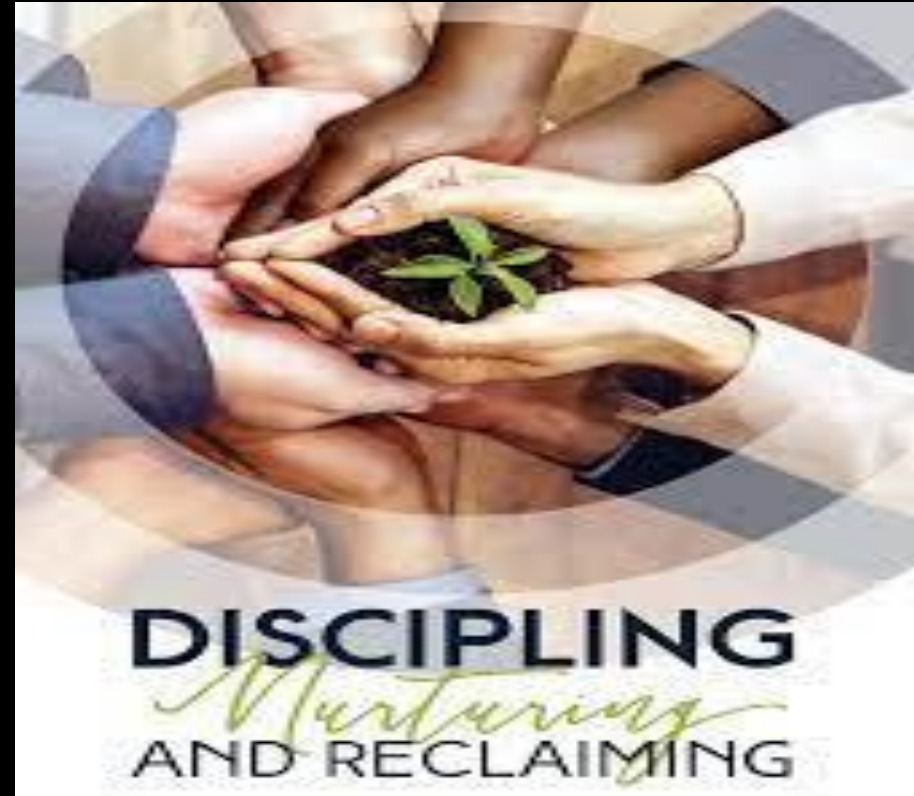


2 - Remnant in the book of Esther

Mentorship and Nurturing

11. Mordecai served as a godly mentor to Esther, guiding her with wisdom and counsel. [Esther 2:20](#)

Remnant should know the importance of discipling and nurturing young people in God's ways. [Ephesians 6:4](#)



2 - Remnant in the book of Esther

Seeking the Welfare of Others

12. Mordecai, even after being promoted to a high position, continued to work for the good and welfare of all his people. [Esther 10:3](#)

Remnant should use their positions not for self-interest or prestige, but to serve others and advocate for the marginalized and oppressed. [Matthew 20:26-28](#)

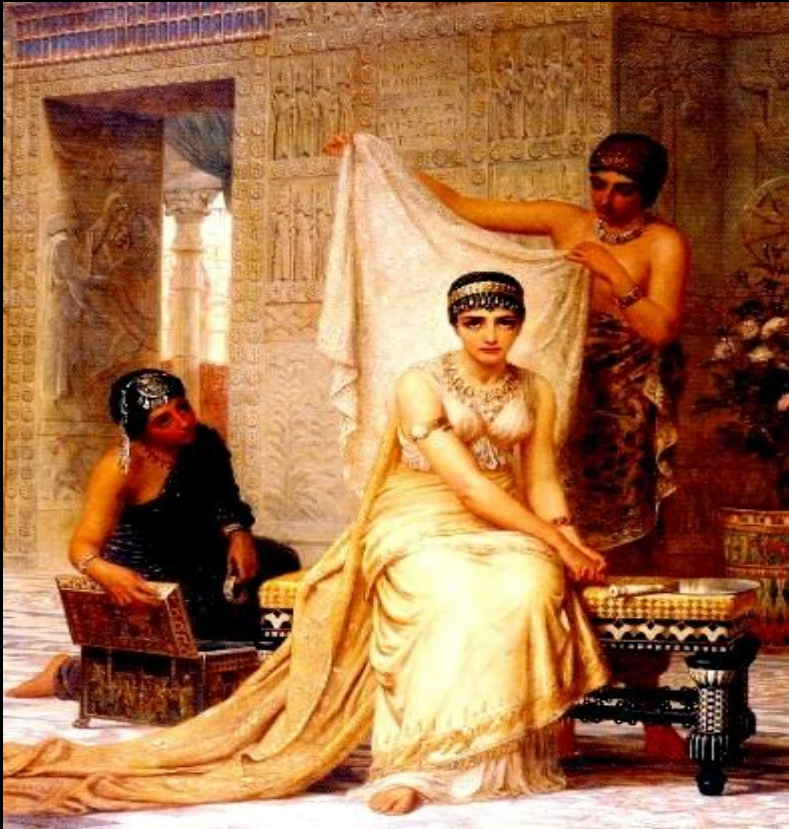


2 - Remnant in the book of Esther

God's Providence in Worldly Affairs

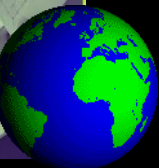
13. God worked through Ahasuerus actions and even in his foolishness of divorcing Vashti to position Esther and Mordecai to save His people. [Esther 1](#)

Remnant know God works His purpose even through secular, morally compromised authorities who do not acknowledge Him. [Romans 13:1](#)



CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP
IN SECULAR
WORKPLACES

STRAIGHT
TALK
PODCAST

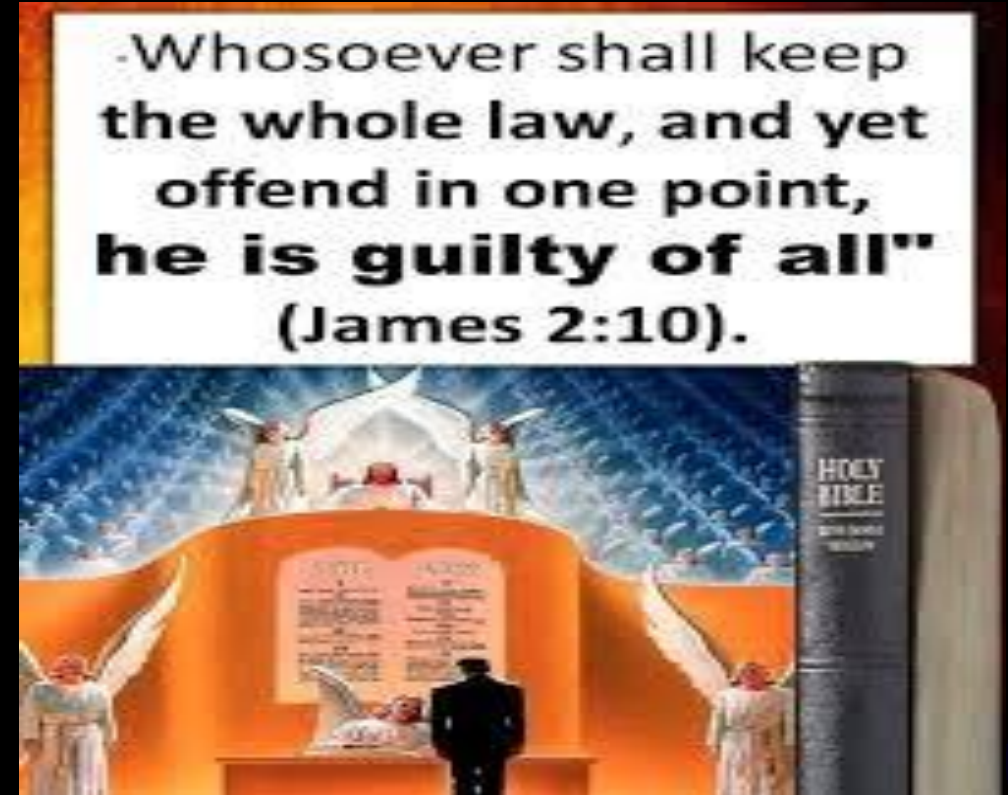


2 - Remnant in the book of Esther

The Danger of Unprincipled Leadership

14. Ahasuerus's character highlights the instability and danger of leadership based on pride, impulse & intoxication rather than principle. [Esther 1:10-12](#)

Remnant should learn the importance of leaders who are guided by God's law and wisdom, not personal whims or the demands of popular opinion. [James 1:5](#)



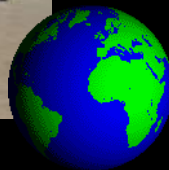
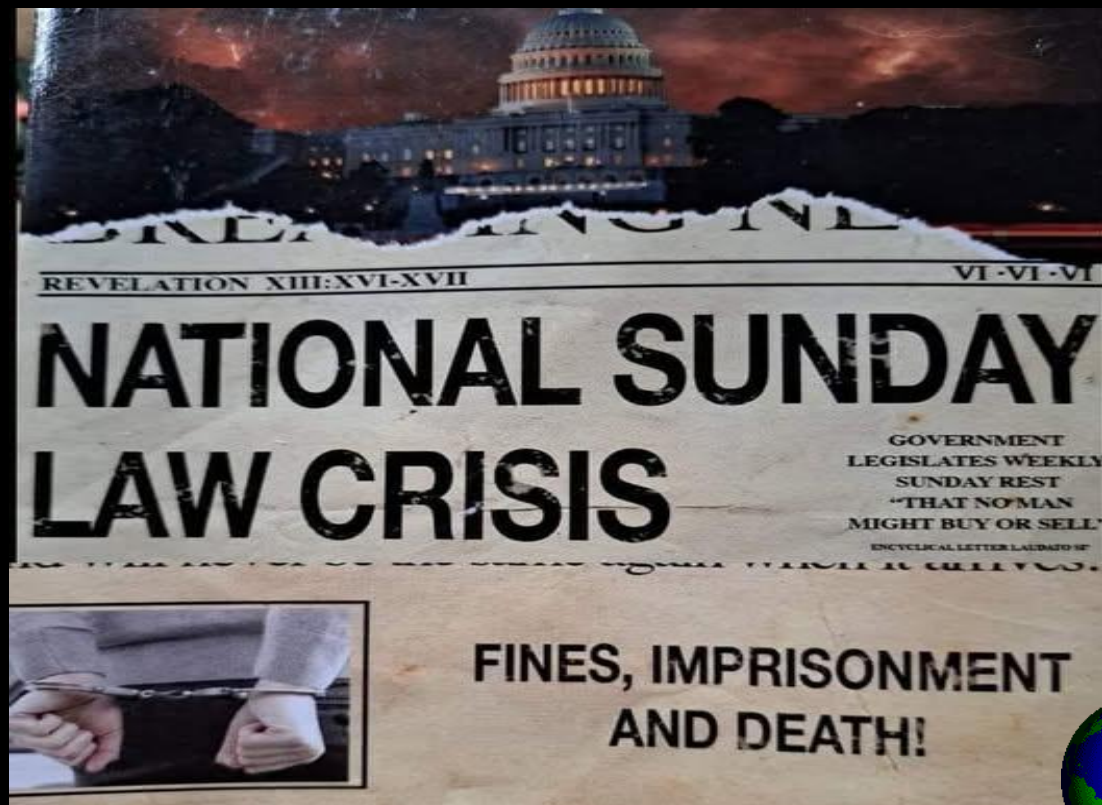
2 - Remnant in the book of Esther

The Certainty of a Final Decree

15. Ahasuerus decree parallels the final events where a death decree will go forth against God's remnant people.
Esther 8:8



Remnant expect a National Sunday Law that will lead to a death decree on those who keep God's 10 Commandments.
Revelation 13:15-17



2 - Remnant in the book of Esther

Opportunity for Divine Intervention

16. Ahasuerus's willingness to listen to Esther when she approached him (risking her life to do so) resulted in the salvation of her people. [Esther 5:1-3](#)

Remnant to be ready to act with faith and promptness, trusting that God can "change things to provide deliverance "for such a time as this". [Revelation 14:12](#)



2 - Remnant in the book of Esther

God's People Must Remain Distinct

17. The story takes place because many Jews, including Esther and Mordecai, chose to remain in exile rather than return to Jerusalem. [Ezra 1:1-4](#)

Remnant should not lose their distinctiveness, as life in worldly environments can compromise one's faith and obedience. [Romans 12:2](#)



2 - Remnant in the book of Esther

Pride Goes Before Destruction

18. Haman's excessive pride and desire for universal homage led to his downfall. [Esther 3:5-6](#)

The remnant is reminded to embrace humility and not to seek self-exaltation nor one's ego. [Matthew 23:12](#)

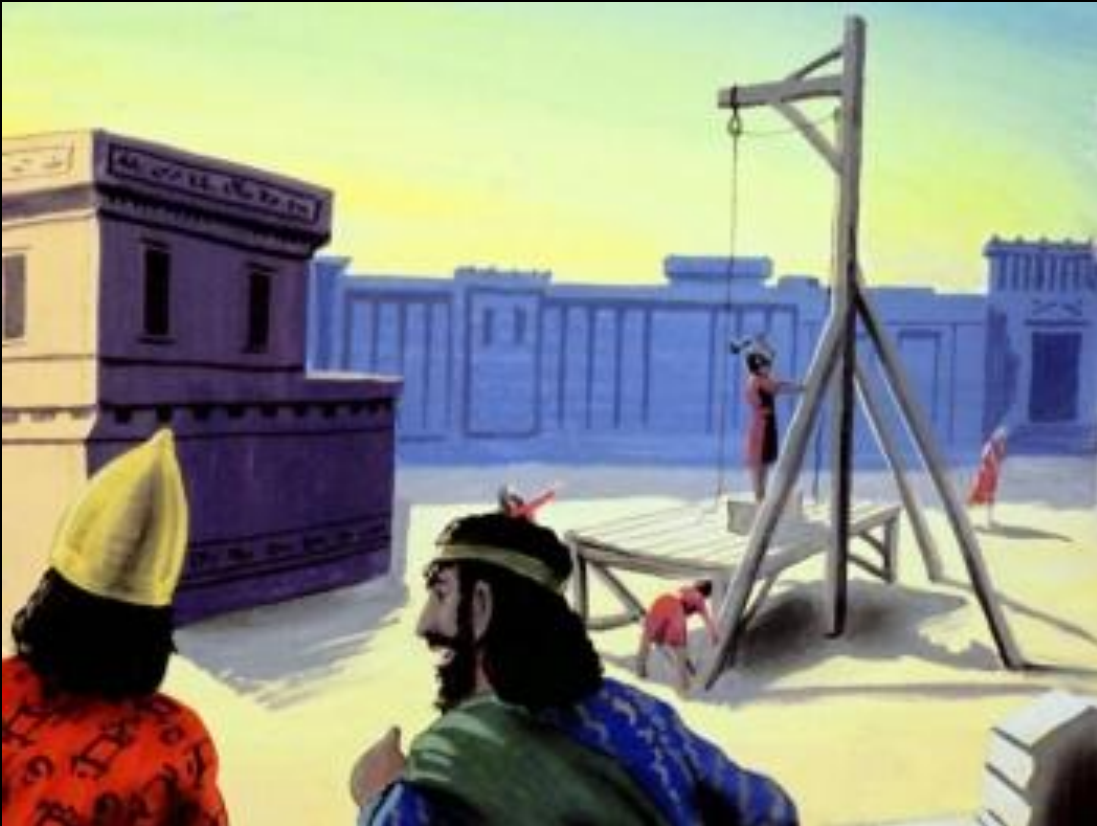


2 - Remnant in the book of Esther

The Boomerang Effect (Reaping What You Sow)

19 Haman built a 50-cubit-high gallows for Mordecai but ended up being hanged on it himself. [Esther 7:9-10](#)

Remnant know those who plot evil against God's people will face divine justice and their wicked plans will return upon their own heads. [Revelation 14:9-11](#)



By their fruits you
will know them
❤️🙏 (Mt 7:17)

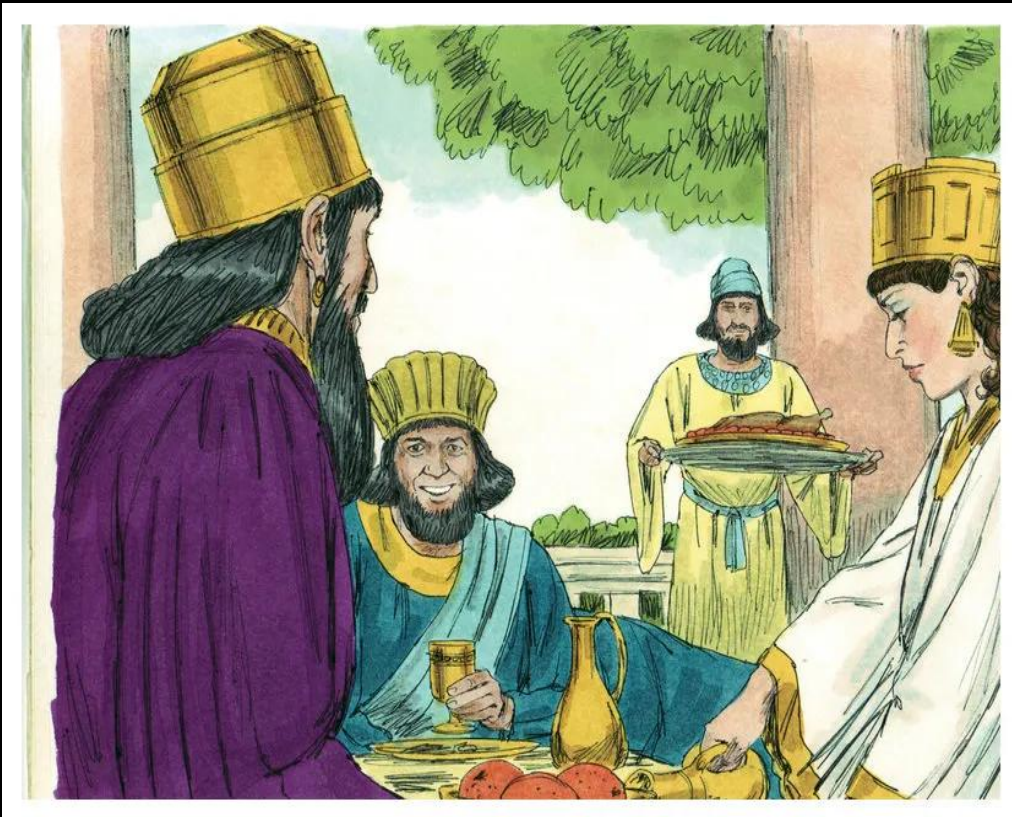


2 - Remnant in the book of Esther

The Nature of the End-Time Conflict

20. Haman's fury when Mordecai refused to bow and so plotted to hang him on the gallows. [Esther 3:5-7](#)

The remnant should expect to face similar pressure and hatred for their steadfast faith. [John 15:18-20](#)

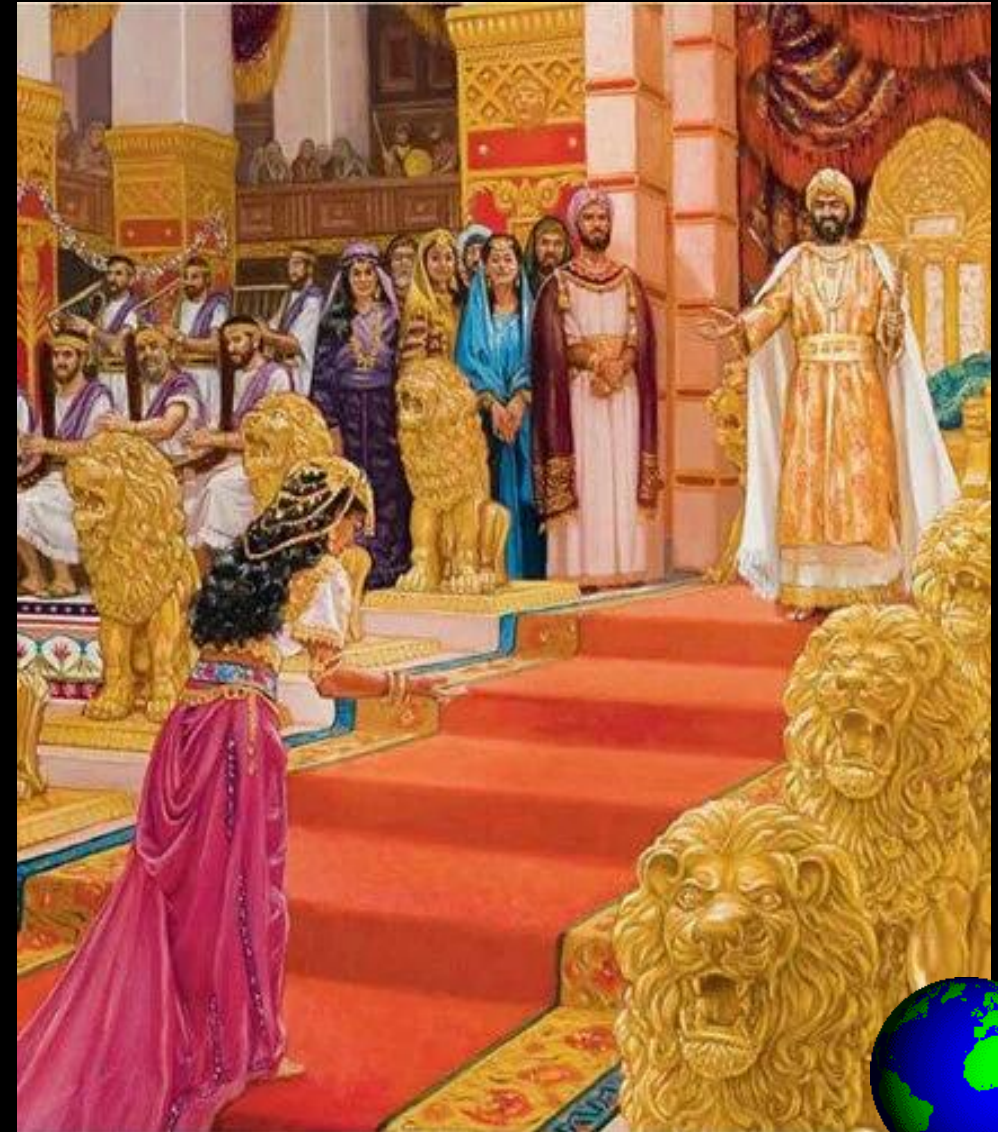


3 - Lessons from the Book of Esther

God's Providence and Hidden Hand:

The story emphasizes that God is actively working behind the scenes for His people, even when He is not explicitly mentioned. The remnant can trust in His divine providence and perfect timing, believing that He controls events for their good, even in a "world gone mad".

Courage and Faith in Crisis: The remnant is called to exhibit the same courage as Esther, who, when faced with a life-threatening decree, declared, "*If I perish, I perish*" ([Esther 4:16](#)). This teaches that believers must be willing to put their lives on the line for God's truth, even when it seems dangerous or difficult.



3 - Lessons from the Book of Esther

The Importance of Prayer and Fasting: Esther and her people engaged in fasting and prayer before she approached the king. This highlights the necessity of seeking God's guidance and strength through earnest prayer in times of emergency and crisis.

Taking a Stand for Truth: Mordecai's refusal to bow to Haman ([Esther 3:2](#)) is seen as a model for the remnant, who must stand firm in keeping God's commandments, especially the Sabbath, even when facing societal pressure or laws that conflict with their faith.



3 - Lessons from the Book of Esther

Being in the Right Place "For Such a Time as This": Mordecai's question to Esther, *"Who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"*

([Esther 4:14](#)), is a powerful reminder that God has strategically placed His remnant people in specific positions and times to accomplish His purposes. They must be ready and willing to act when called upon.

The Final Conflict Parallel: The final events explicitly links Haman's decree to annihilate the Jews with the "Sunday laws" and the final persecution that the end-time remnant church will face. The deliverance of the Jews foreshadows the ultimate vindication and salvation of God's people in the last days.

FOUR STAGES OF SUNDAY LAW

- 1. Refrain From Working on Sunday – 9T 232, 233; CT 550, 551
- 2. Honor Sunday, but can still worship on Sabbath – GC 608
- 3. Cannot worship on Sabbath, only Sunday; fines and imprisonment imposed – GC 607
- 4. Death penalty to those who worship Sabbath and disregard Sunday – Rev. 13:15-17, GC 604, 621, 635



Conclusion

Active, Obedient Witness: The story emphasizes that the life of a follower of God is not passive. The remnant must be obedient to God's will and actively demonstrate their faith through good works, being a light in a dark world and reflecting God's character.

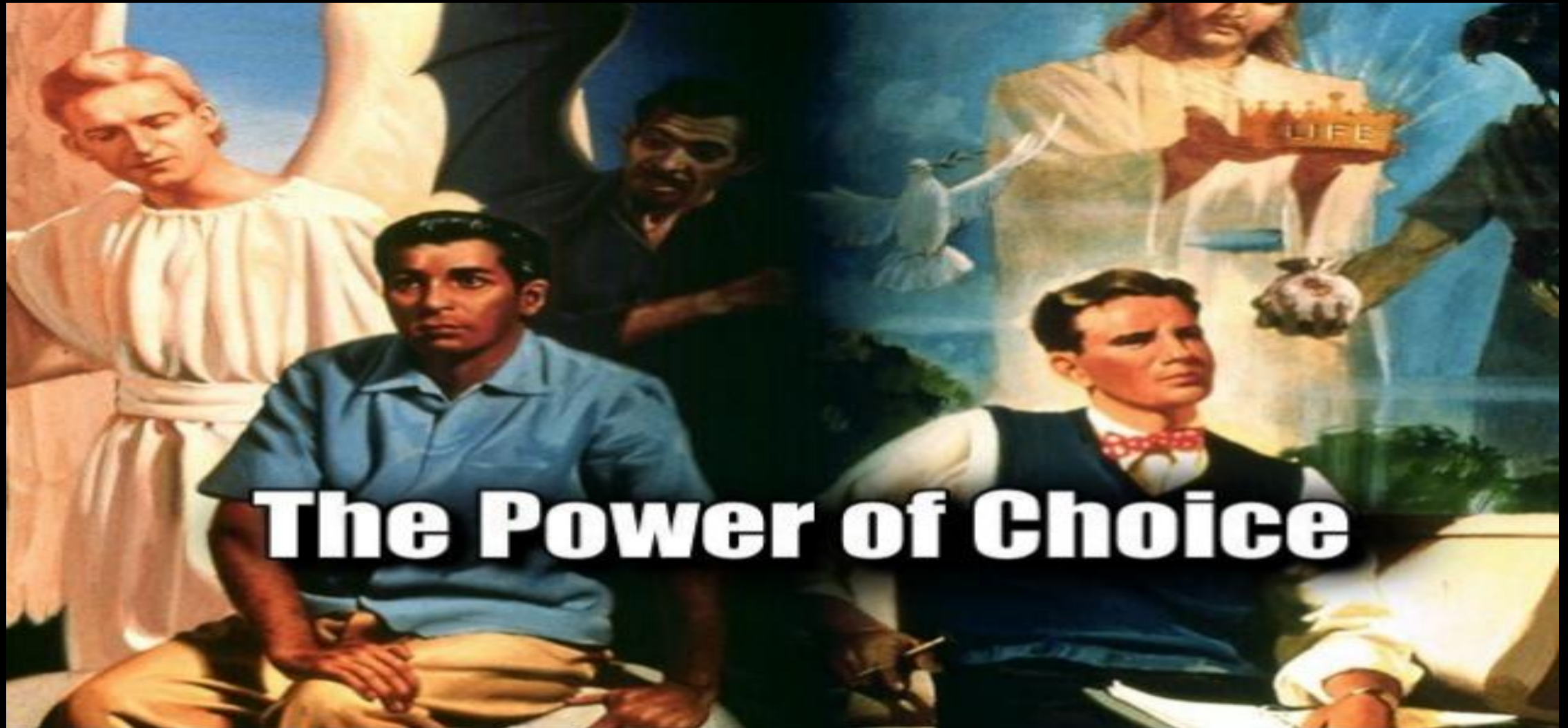
The Book of Esther offers several lessons for the end-time "remnant" people of God, often drawing parallels between the events in ancient Persia and the final conflict between truth and error.



When the observance of Sunday be mandatory, each person must decide whether to accept the sign of authority of God (Sabbath) or the authority of men (Sunday)



God has given all:



An angel with brown hair and a white robe is seated at a desk, writing in a large book with a quill. To the right of the angel is a large, ornate brass hourglass. In the background, a red devil's face with horns and a mischievous grin is visible. The scene is dimly lit, with light coming from the left, highlighting the angel and the hourglass.

Revelation 12:12

“..... for the **devil** is come down unto you,
having great **wrath**, because he knoweth that
he hath but a short time.”



Enter The Ark of Hope

1. Diet

2. Discipline

3. Decalogue

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

– John 10:16

The Ark of the Covenant



Psalms 77:13



Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. –
Revelation 3:20





THE END



ARE YOU READY TO MEET JESUS?