

THE BOOK OF  
ESTHER



# THE STORY UNFOLDS... CH. 2

- **VIRGINS SOUGHT... (2-3)**

- GOD AT WORK UNSEEN

- HEGAI BECOMES A KEY PERSON... **GOD!**

- **MORDECAI – IN SUSANNA**

- JECONIAH (JEHOIACHIN) 597 BC

- TRIBE OF BENJAMIN, 4 GENERATIONS... (5)

- CHOSE TO REMAIN IN PERSIA (536 RETURN)

# IN THE SEARCH...

- **HADASSAH/ESTHER –**
  - BORN IN CAPTIVITY ALSO
  - ORPHANED – COUSIN'S PROTECTION
  - BEAUTIFUL OF FORM AND FACE
- **TAKEN IN THE SEARCH – HEGAI**
  - PLEASSED HIM AND FAVOR FOUND!

# **BEAUTY TREATMENTS...**

- COSMETICS AND FOOD**
- 7 MAIDS GIVEN TO ESTHER**
- BEST PLACE IN THE HAREM**
- BACKGROUND HIDDEN**
- MORDECAI CHECKS IN!**

# **ONE NIGHT WITH THE KING**

- 12 MONTHS OF PREPARATION**
- GIVEN ANYTHING THEY WANT**
- ONE NIGHT TO PLEASE HIM**
- SENT TO ANOTHER PLACE...**
- SUMMONED BY NAME...**

# ESTHER'S WISDOM

- SHE HAD SEEN THE PATTERN
- **NOTHING EXCEPT WHAT HEGAI!**
  - HE NEW THE KING'S TASTES...
  - SHE LISTENS TO HIS SUGGESTIONS
  - FINDS **FAVOR** WITH ALL WHO SEE HER
  - HER CHANCE COMES... 7<sup>TH</sup> YEAR - 4 YEARS!!

# THE KING RESPONDS!

- **KING LOVES ESTHER!**

- OVER ALL THE OTHERS
- FINDS FAVOR AND KINDNESS
- GIVES HER THE ROYAL CROWN
- SEARCH ENDS!
- BANQUET AND HOLIDAY FOR ALL

# ANOTHER GATHERING

- WHEN VIRGINS GATHERED...
- MORDECAI CONTINUES VIGIL
- ESTHER KEEPS HER SECRET!
  - OBEDIENT EVEN AS QUEEN!
  - CHARACTER TESTED
  - TESTS OF POWER AND POSITION



**“IT JUST SO HAPPENS...”**

- **MORDECAI UNCOVERS A PLOT~**
  - 2 OFFICIALS PLOT AGAINST THE KING
  - WHY NOT LET HIM DIE?
- **ESTHER IS TOLD**
  - INCLUDES MORDECAI IN THE REPORT
  - CREDIT ACKNOWLEDGED AND SHARED

# LET IT BE WRITTEN...

- **INVESTIGATED AND JUDGED**

- 2 MEN DIE ON A 'TREE' – IMPALED?

- **MORDECAI IS WRITTEN DOWN**

- GOD IS IN THE SMALL DETAILS

- ALL IS PROCEEDING AS GOD PLANS...

- AND THEN CAME .....

**HAMAN! BOO!!!**

- **AGAGITE, POSSIBLE AMALEKITE?**
- **DEMANDS IMMEDIATE “HONOR”**