

✠ Unsheathing the SWORD ✠



Esther

MEMORIZATION – Esther 4:14b – “And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?”

Chapter 1

1. Who is the king reigning from Susa?
2. Military leaders from what two countries are present?
3. Name the queen.
4. What “terrible” thing does Vashti do to cause herself to be deposed?

Chapter 2

Extra credit: What’s a good Jew doing in a place like this? How did Mordecai come to be in Susa?

1. Beautiful young virgins are rounded up. What are the two names given in chapter seven of the orphaned Jewish girl brought into the harem?
2. She sounds not just beautiful, but also smart and nice. “And Esther won the favor of _____.”
3. What plot does Mordecai discover while he is sitting in the king’s gate (a place of governing)?
4. True or false: Mordecai tells Esther of the plot and Esther tells the king (and gives credit to Mordecai).

Chapter 3

1. Why is Haman enraged against Mordecai?
2. Why kill only one? Haman looks for a way to destroy “all _____
_____, the _____, throughout the _____ of Xerxes.”
3. Dispatches are sent to all the king’s provinces. What is the order concerning the Jews in the dispatches?

Chapter 4

1. What is the law for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned?
2. Mordecai gets tough in his message to Esther and says, “And who knows but that you have come to royal position _____
_____.”

Chapter 5

1. True or false: Esther approaches the throne, hastily places her request and all ends speedily with the king extending the scepter and granting Esther’s request immediately.
2. Haman can’t even wait for the prescribed day of death for the Jews. What does he build for Mordecai?

Chapter 6 – none

Chapter 7 – none

Chapter 8

1. All's well that ends well. And at the end of chapter eight we see an interesting comment. "And many people of other nationalities became Jews because _____ had seized them."

Chapter 9

1. What is the name of the festival to commemorate this rescue from annihilation?

Chapter 10

Trick question: How many times is the name of the Lord mentioned in the book of Esther?

Extra credit: If Esther had not been queen...if Mordecai had not been in a position of power...if the king had not been open to Esther's request.... If the Jews in the king's provinces had indeed been annihilated, what would have been the repercussions regarding God's promises to Abraham and David? And what impact would the annihilation have had on the prophecies regarding the Messiah who was to come? Think hard about the magnitude of this threat.

For questions contact Janette Dodge (mail@awakeusnow.com) or Care Minister Bob Johnson (bob.awakeusnow@gmail.com).
Awake office phone: 612-545-5654. Website: www.awakeusnow.com.

© Janette Dodge 2006 & 2015

You are permitted to reproduce and distribute this material provided wording is not altered in any way,
no fee of any kind is charged for the material and Janette Dodge is clearly acknowledged as the source of the material.
Copyright and contact information must be clearly cited on all copies.

Scripture quotations taken from The Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®.
Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.®
Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.