

ESTHER 1:

ESTHER AND MORDECAI



MAY 14TH - MAY 15TH,
NEXT LEVEL

BIG BIBLE VERSE

1 PETER 1:7

SO THAT THE TESTED GENUINENESS OF YOUR FAITH—MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD THAT PERISHES THOUGH IT IS TESTED BY FIRE—MAY BE FOUND TO RESULT IN PRAISE AND GLORY AND HONOR AT THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST.

<input type="checkbox"/> WEEKLY BIBLE READING PLAN: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISAIAH 55:1-9 • EPHESIANS 1:11-23 • 2 THESS. 1:5-12 • JAMES 1:2-8 • 1 PETER 3-9 	<input type="checkbox"/> THROUGH IN THREE READING PLAN: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEVITICUS 18 • LEVITICUS 19 • LEVITICUS 20 • LEVITICUS 21 • LEVITICUS 22
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FIND THIS WEEK'S STORY IN: ESTHER 1-5

WHAT WE LEARNED IN NEXT LEVEL:

1. PROVIDENCE: GOD USES NATURAL EVENTS TO BRING ABOUT HIS WILL.
2. POWER: GOD IS NOT LIMITED TO OUR DECISIONS FOR HIS WILL.
3. PROMISE: GOD NEVER GOES AGAINST HIS WORD.

ROOTED AND BUILT

MORDECAI WAS A JEW WHO CHOSE TO STAY IN PERSIA AFTER THE JEWS WERE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO JERUSALEM BY KING CYRUS. MORDECAI HAD A YOUNGER COUSIN NAMED HADASSAH (OR ESTHER) WHOM HE HAD ADOPTED WHEN HER PARENTS DIED. ESTHER HAD BEEN MADE QUEEN OF PERSIA, AFTER THE KING HAD BANISHED HIS FORMER QUEEN WHO EMBARRASSED HIM. ESTHER HAD GONE THROUGH A YEAR-LONG BEAUTY TREATMENT, AND WAS THEN CHOSEN AS QUEEN. ONE DAY AFTER ALL THAT HAD HAPPENED, MORDECAI SAVED THE KING'S LIFE WHEN HE HEARD THAT THE KING'S SERVANTS WERE PLOTTING TO KILL HIM. MORDECAI TOLD ESTHER AND SHE WARNED THE KING, AND HE WAS SAVED! THE KING HAD AN ADVISOR NAMED HAMAN, AND WHENEVER HAMAN RODE THROUGH THE STREETS, ALL THE PEOPLE WOULD BOW TO HAMAN EXCEPT MORDECAI. HAMAN WAS FURIOUS. HAMAN WANTED TO KILL HIM, SO HE ASKED THE KING TO MAKE A DECREE TO DO SO. THE KING AGREED, BUT GOD WAS IN CONTROL.

<p>HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO TO EARN TICKETS AND HOW MANY TICKETS YOU'LL EARN AFTER DOING THOSE THINGS!</p> <p>TICKET KEY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BEING HERE & BRINGING YOUR BIBLE — 2 TICKETS PARENT INITIALED DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN — 4 TICKETS PARENT INITIALED THROUGH IN THREE READING PLAN — 4 TICKETS MEMORIZED THE BIG BIBLE VERSE FROM LAST WEEK — 10 TICKETS 	<p>FOR GREAT BIBLICAL CONTENT, CHECK OUT OUR</p> <p>YOUTUBE</p> 	<p>FOR CRAFTS AND PICS, CHECK OUT OUR</p> <p>INSTAGRAM</p> 	<p>FOR UPDATES ON ALL THAT'S GOING ON, SUBSCRIBE TO OUR</p> <p>NEWSLETTER</p> 
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