

THE PLAN FOR SAVING GOD'S PEOPLE

Esther 4:1 - 5:8

After Haman's wicked suggestion had become law, there was almost nothing that could be done to save the Jews from destruction. Only one small ray of hope was left to them. Read about this in the following passages:

A. The Jews' Reaction to the Plot: Read Esther 4:1-5

1. What did Mordecai do when he learned of all that had been done?
 - a. Esther 4:1a _____
 - b. Esther 4:1b _____
 - c. Esther 4:1c _____
 - d. Esther 4:d _____
 - e. Esther 4:2 _____
2. What did the other Jews throughout the kingdom do? Esther 4:3

3. When Esther heard of this, how did she feel? Esther 4:4a

4. What did she tell her servant to find out from Mordecai? Esther 4:5

B. Mordecai's Message to Esther: Read Esther 4:6-9

1. What did Mordecai give the servant to show to Esther? Esther 4:8a

2. What did he say she should do? Esther 4:8b

C. Esther's Two Great Problems: Read Esther 4:10-14

1. What was the law concerning those who went to see the king without being called? Esther 4:11a

2. Why was Esther afraid to go to see the king? Esther 4:11b

3. What did Mordecai say would happen if Esther did not go to see the king?
 - a. To the Jews: Esther 4:14a _____
 - b. To Esther: Esther 4:14b _____
4. What was Mordecai's concluding argument? Esther 4:14c

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D. Esther's Decision: Read Esther 4:15-17

1. What did Esther ask all the Jews to do in her behalf? Esther 4:16a

2. What would Esther then do? Esther 4:16b

3. What might be the result of her decision? Esther 4:16c

E. Esther's Decision Carried Out: Read Esther 5:1-8

1. How did Esther dress for her interview with the king? Esther 5:1

2. What was the King's reaction when he saw her? Esther 5:2

3. What did Esther ask him to do? Esther 5:4

4. How would this cause the king to be more open to her real request?
 - a. (THINK! Banquet....) _____
 - b. Esther 5:5, 3:1 _____
 - c. Esther 2:17, 4:11b _____
5. When did Esther say she would present her real request to the king? Esther 5:8

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What people today face certain destruction unless something is done in their behalf?

2. Am I willing to risk my life in order that such people might be saved?
