

HIDDEN GOD

A SERIES IN ESTHER

SERMON-TEXT DEVOTIONAL

NORTHVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

TEXT || ESTHER 2:1-23

DAY 1

Read and Reflect on Esther 2:1-7

These first seven verses provide the setting for the story in Esther 2.

- What discussions and decisions set this chapter's story into motion in verses 1-5?
- Who are the characters introduced in these seven verses, and what do you learn about each of them?
- **Optional:** For more background on how Mordecai got to Susa (Esther 2:6), read 2 Kings 24:8-16.

Note: King Jeconiah was also called Jehoiachin.

Pray in Adoration / Confession / Supplication

DAY 2

Read and Reflect on Esther 2:8-14

THE SETTING CONTINUED:

Write down everything you learn about the beauty pageant which is taking place.

- *What is given to each participant? How long do they prepare? How are they 'evaluated' by the king?*

Pray in Adoration / Confession / Supplication

DAY 3

Read and Reflect on Esther 2:8-18

THE CHARACTERS CONTINUED:

Write down everything you learn about both Mordecai and Esther.

- *Their actions, their attitudes, and how they are viewed by others*

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DAY 4

Read and Reflect on Esther 2:16-23

Take note of the historical information provided as the story of the beauty pageant comes to a close.

- What year does it take place? (*compare this with Esther 1:3 to see how much time has elapsed since the story opened*).
- Esther 2:11 tells us that Mordecai is regularly hanging around the palace gate because he is concerned about Esther. What happens in 2:19-23 while he is there?

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DAY 5

Read and Reflect on Esther 2:1-23

Take note of what information is repeated in 2:10 and 2:20:

- *What does the author of Esther want his readers to know?*
- *Why do you think Mordecai gave Esther these instructions?*

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