

# HIDDEN GOD

A SERIES IN ESTHER

## SERMON-TEXT DEVOTIONAL

NORTHVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH

TEXT || ESTHER 7:1-10

### DAY 1

#### ESTHER'S PETITION AND REQUEST: Read Esther 7:1-4

Esther's stately demeanor, and intentional choice of words in these verses gives weight to her request. Take note of how she informs the king of her plight.

- What is Esther's petition? What is Esther's request?
- What words does Esther use to describe the plight of her people?
- Why do you think she uses all three terms to describe the plight of her people rather than summarizing the danger in one word?
- How does she affirm her respect for the king in these verses?

Pray in Adoration / Confession / Supplication

### DAY 2

#### THE KING'S RESPONSE: Read Esther 7:1-8

- What is the king's initial response to Esther's words? (v 5)
- What is the king's subsequent response? (v 7)
- What happens to cause the king to take immediate action with regards to Haman?

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### DAY 3

#### HAMAN'S DEMISE: Read Esther 7:1-10

- What is Haman's initial response to Esther's words? (v 6)
- What is Haman's subsequent response? (v 7-8)
- How does Haman's life end?
- What irony does the author highlight at the end of this chapter?

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### DAY 4

#### HIDDEN GOD - GOD'S POWER: Read Psalm 2

Although God is not mentioned in the book of Esther, we repeatedly see the author alluding to themes that are found throughout scripture.

- How does this Psalm (especially verses 1-6) relate to the book of Esther?

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### DAY 5

#### HIDDEN GOD - GOD'S PEOPLE: Read Genesis 12:1-7 and 2 Corinthians 2:14-16

When Mordecai confidently declared his belief that relief for the Jews will arise (Esther 4:14), he was basing his confidence on God's promises to the nation of Israel which began in Genesis 12 and which provide the framework for the events of the entire Old Testament.

- What promises does God make to Abraham (the founder of the nation of Israel and therefore the very first "Jew")?
- What specific aspect(s) of these promises to Abraham do you think Mordecai is "banking on" when he confidently declares that relief will come for the Jews?

God fulfilled his promise to bless the entire world through this family when his son, Jesus, was born into the family tree of Abraham thousands of years later.

- How are those who are affiliated with Jesus perceived by the world according to 2 Corinthians 2:14-16?
- What is true of them, regardless of how they are perceived by the world? (v 14)
- How does verse 14 relate to the events of Esther?

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