

“FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS”

Responding to the Cancel Culture - the book of Esther

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INTRO: This is a prophetic message to the church.

I. BACKGROUND (chapters 1 & 2).

- A. King Xerxes had tryouts to replace Queen Vashti. The candidates were under the care of Hegai.
- B. Esther, a Jew, found favor and became Queen.

II. TYPOLOGY [Doesn't apply to every detail]:

- A. The king is a type of God (Ruler).
- B. Mordecai is a type of Christ.
- C. Esther is a type of the Bride of Christ.
- D. Hegai is a type of the Holy Spirit, preparing the bride of Christ to appear before the King (Eph. 5:27; Rev. 21:2, 9)!

III. HAMAN AND THE CANCEL CULTURE (chapters 3 & 4).

- A. Haman schemed to cancel out the Jewish culture (ch. 3).
 - 1. Those in darkness want to cancel out Christian culture!
- B. Mordecai urged Esther to make intercession to the king.
 - 1. If she did nothing, she and the Jews would perish.
 - 2. What will we do (Eph. 5:11; Heb. 4:16)?
 - 3. Have we come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

IV. ESTHER'S INTERCESSION FOR HER PEOPLE (chaps. 5-9).

- A. Day One of Feast (chapter 5) – favor with the king.
- B. The king honored Mordecai (chapter 6; see verse 13).
- C. Day Two of Feast (chapter 7) – Haman's plot is exposed, and he's hung on his gallows (7:7-10; 9:25; Lk. 12:1-3)!
- D. Cancel Culture Attempt Failed (chapters 8 & 9).
 - 1. They were authorized to write their own decree (8:8-10; Lk. 10:19; Matt. 16:19; Mk. 11:23-24; 1Jn. 5:14-15; Ja. 5:16) & to defend themselves (8:11-14; Eph. 6:12; 1Pet. 5:8-9).

V. THE FEAST OF PURIM INSTITUTED (9:20-32).

- A. The Feast of Purim for 2021 is Feb. 25 & 26.

VI. MORDECAI'S ADVANCEMENT (ch. 10; 8:15; Phil. 2:9-10).

CONCLUDING CHALLENGES: Have we come into the kingdom for such a time as this? Will we take our petitions to the king and not be silent? Is cancel culture exposure coming? Let God refine you (1Pet. 4:17; Jn. 15:2; Heb. 12:5-6)!