



The Harvest

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Purim and Providence Part 2

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START

Start your study by inviting God's presence to meet with you as you study His word.

MAIN VERSES

[Romans 8:28-39](#)

[Esther 2-6](#)

OVERVIEW

The story of Purim, as found in the book of Esther, reveals the sublime truth of the power of God's hidden providence in bringing about His plans. Note carefully that not once is God mentioned in the entire 10-chapter book. Why? I believe you will find the story and the answer intriguing. More importantly is the meaning and its applications for us today. This series will inspire and strengthen your faith in facing the challenges that are presenting themselves in 2021. Today our focus will be on how and why an obscure and common Jewish girl becoming Queen of Persia!

CONTENT

[Read Esther 2-6](#)

What are some examples of Divine Providence in these chapters?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Favor

Favor comes from the LORD. It is one of the ways that He influences people. By circumstances that He navigates and favor that He gives, God will preserve and prosper Esther and the Jewish people in the coming crisis. Here are a few signs of God's providence at work.

- She finds much favor with key people, even the King
 - Chapter 2:9, 16, 17

- Chapter 4:8
- Chapter 5:2, 8

Providence

We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

Romans 8:28-31

TAKE ACTION

Spend some quite time with God. Ask Him to show you the ways He has worked behind the scenes in your life; ways that He has protected, provided, and guided you thus far. Journal these events. Specifically and verbally thank Him for His Providential care. Know that He will continue to watch over and guide you, because He who has called you, is faithful!