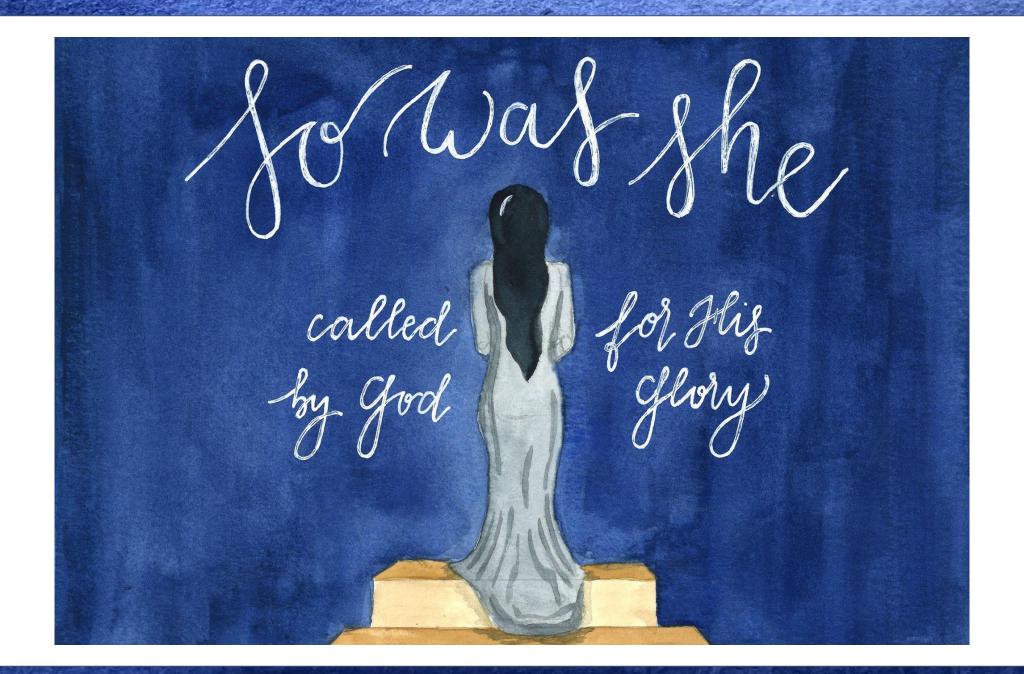


HAVERIA CCS LADIES BIBLE STUDY





Review: End of Chapter 6

Mordecai is **respected**: Paraded through town as "a man the king delights to honor."

Haman is **humiliated**; his wife and friends say: "You will surely come to ruin"



Themes in Esther Chapters 7 & 8

- Reversals of fate: Haman & Mordecai
- Parallels the Bible's redemptive arc





Chapter 7: Esther Saves a Nation

Esther identifies the culprit: "The adversary and enemy is this vile Haman!"

Chapter 7: The Enemy is Destroyed

Haman has the nerve to beg the Queen to save him

Haman is hanged on gallows he intended for Mordecai

Reversal of Fate



Chapter 7: Esther's Example

Patience – 2nd day, 2nd banquet

 Humility – IF I have found favor and IF it pleases your majesty...grant me my life and spare my people

 Courage – to directly confront Haman and relieve her people's suffering



Haman: The House that Arrogance Built

"Behold, the wicked man conceives evil and is pregnant with mischief and gives birth to lies. He makes a pit, digging it out, and falls into the hole that he has made. His mischief returns upon his own head, and on his own skull his violence descends."

Psalms 7:14-16 ESV



Chapter 8: Esther's Heartfelt Plea

"How can I bear to see **disaster** befall my people? How can I bear to see the **destruction** of my family?"

Nearly identical language from first decree of destruction (Ch. 3 v. 12) and second decree of deliverance (Ch. 8 v. 9)

Reversal of Fate



BIBLE & Book of Esther: God Loves Us & Wants to Redeem Us

Christian believers = Israelites

Haman = Enemy (Satan)

1st decree condemns us to death, destruction 2nd decree (Jesus) saves us from sin, salvation

Esther 8: Good News Goes Out

- A story about Israel = our Christian duty
- We are couriers, delivering the King's decree
- The 2nd decree is the Good News, that Jesus Saves!



Esther: Ch. 7 & 8 Review

- Reversal of fortune things are looking up
- Esther shows patience, humility and courage
- Book of Esther IS God's redemption story
- Mordecai's honor reflects our elevation and responsibility to share the Good News





Esther was called by God for His glory.

Right now I hear God calling me to



Using Your Voice

Are you prepared to **humbly** ask Him for what you need and **patiently** wait for His response?

Do you have the **courage** to trust in His timing for the answer and the outcome?

