

OUTLINE OF ESTHER

Central text: Esther 4:13, 14

Golden text: Esther 10:3

- I. Introduction- 1:1-22
 - A. The party
 - B. The trouble
 - C. The solution

- II. Esther and Mordecai- 2:1-23
 - A. Esther is taken
 - B. Esther is chosen
 - C. Mordecai saves the king

- III. Haman's decree- 3:1-15
 - A. Haman's promotion
 - B. Mordecai's disdain
 - C. Haman's answer

- IV. Esther's dilemma- 4:1-17
 - A. Mordecai mourns
 - B. Mordecai's advice
 - C. Esther's answer

- V. Esther's request- 5:1-7:10
 - A. Esther before the king
 - B. The banquet
 - C. Haman's gallows
 - D. The king's delight
 - 1. A sleepless night
 - 2. The chronicles read
 - 3. Haman's ironic advice
 - 4. Mordecai's honor at Haman's expense
 - E. The second banquet & death of Haman

- VI. Esther's second request- 8:1-9:32
 - A. Mordecai promoted
 - B. The tearful petition
 - C. The king's answer
 - D. The day of reckoning
 - E. The feast of Purim

- VII. Conclusion- 10:1-3

Highlights of Esther

I. Christ foreshadowed-

the royal intercessor and savior (Heb. 8:1)

II. Practical application

- A. God works for the good of His people.
- B. Bad situations can work for good.
- C. The wicked have their schemes poured out on their own heads.
- D. It takes courage to stand for the oppressed.
- E. Wisdom is seen in when to speak.
- F. Worship God alone.
- G. You are here to fulfill God's purpose, but He can work around you.
- H. Seek the good of your rulers.