

**August 4, 2019** | Esther 4:9–17

“For Such a Time as This” | Mark Dynna

Mordecai challenges Esther to rise above the limited thinking of her life and position and accept her place in God's plan for the salvation of the world. This challenge echoes through the ages to us today. Like Esther, do we accept God's plan for our lives and believe that we can be more than the world says?

**August 11, 2019** | Esther 3:8–11; Matthew 13:24–30

“Living in Two Kingdoms” | Dennis Camplin

Throughout the story of Esther is the drama of a group of people who were dispersed throughout the 127 provinces but who lived their lives through the lens of a different worldview and whose allegiance was to a different King! How does a minority survive, and is it possible for them to thrive in a cultural context that is so foreign to their hearts and ideals? And what about us, as citizens of the Kingdom of God living in our time and place? In this study we will discover hints, principles, ways and means, to be citizens of the Kingdom—as well as be reminded of the mighty hand of God who ‘turns the tables’ to protect his people and accomplish his will!

**August 18, 2019** | Esther 4:16

“When God Is Hard To Find: Esther and the Prayerful Practice of Discernment” | Rachel Runnalls

An entire book of the Bible where God is not mentioned once! This absence is so obvious as to prompt us to look more closely, digging into the circumstances of Esther's life to discern God at work. How like our own lives, where the presence and work of God are often difficult to notice. Esther can lead us to develop prayer practices that help us grow in daily awareness of God with us.

**Sunday, August 25, 2019** | Esther 9:25–29; 10:1–3

“A Table for You” | Sean Brewster

What we see in the book of Esther is one man planning disaster (death) for many which ends up spelling disaster (death) for him. In the gospels we have many men planning disaster (death) and executing that plan on Jesus. Resurrection happens and the table is turned right side up and there is a place for you there.



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*On the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar, the edict commanded by the king was to be carried out. On this day the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, but now **the tables were turned** and the Jews got the upper hand over those who hated them.*

***Esther 9:1***