

10. What did the king do in relation to the queen when she refused to go for his drunken indecent spectacle plan?

11. Why could Ahasuerus not undo what had happened in relation to the queen?

12. What was God doing during the king's prideful display of his glory, his drunkenness, his lewd idea involving Vashti, the divorce and the beauty contest?

13. Who was Mordecai?

14. Was the fact that Esther won the beauty pageant and was crowned queen, happenstance?

15. Who was Haman?

16. As a faithful Jew, Mordecai would not do what?

17. How did Haman respond to Mordecai's refusal to bow to him?

18. No matter what, Haman wanted to do what to the Jews?

19. The Jews were going to be killed in 11 months, so Mordecai encouraged Esther to do what?

20. What was the problem with Esther approaching the king?

21. Esther requested that the king and Haman come to what?

22. What did Haman build when Mordecai refused to bow to him and recognize him?

23. Who couldn't sleep?

24. Who kept him awake?

25. Was all of this luck or coincidence or was there something more going on?

26. What did Haman have to do for Mordecai?

27. What was the end result of Haman?

28. What was the problem that still remained after Haman was killed?

29. According to the law of the Medes and Persians, a king's decree was what?

30. The king made a second decree so as to provide a solution for the problem. What was the essence of the decree?

31. When the enemies came to defeat the Jews, what actually happened?

32. The Jews had a right to the spoil/plunder but they did what instead?

33. Instead of taking what didn't belong to them, the Jews did what at the end of defending themselves?

34. On the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> days of Adar (Feb. And March) the Jews have what feast?

35. What is the best known verse in the book of Esther?

36. Why is Esther 4:14 such a well-loved verse?

37. Does anything happen by chance?

38. Though we don't always understand what God is doing or why He is doing what He is doing, we can rest assured of what one fact?

39. I Peter 5:7 says that we can cast our cares on God, because God does what?

40. Do you know God? Do you have a personal relationship with Him, through the Lord Jesus Christ?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

»>How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

»>How can I accomplish this change?

»>What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

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## BEHIND THE SCENES

### Esther

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**Behind The Scenes**" All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. What one book in the Bible doesn't have the word "God" or the name of God in it?

2. Does that mean that God is absent from its passages?

3. God judged His people, the Jews, because of their continual what?

4. The Jews were in captivity in Babylon for how many years?

5. After the Persian empire took over the Babylonian empire, Zerubbabel led how many back to Jerusalem?

6. 80 years after Zerubbabel's return, who led another group back to Jerusalem?

7. The total population of Jews who stayed in the land of Babylonia was probably what?

8. The events of Esther actually took place between what two chapters in Ezra?

9. How many years are there in the time-gap between those two chapters?

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