

Behind the Scenes

Esther
(series #19)

Introduction: the only book in the Bible without the word "God"

I. The Jeopardy of God's People 1:1-4:17

- A. The king divorces the queen 1:1-22
- B. Esther becomes the new queen 2:1-20
- C. Mordecai saves the king 2:21-23
- D. The plot by Haman to destroy the Jews 3:1-15
- E. The response of Mordecai and Esther 4:1-17

II. The Victory of God's People 5:1-10:3

- A. Esther's plan to uncover Haman 5:1-8
- B. Haman's plan to hang Mordecai 5:9-14
- C. The king honors Mordecai 6:1-14
- D. Haman is exposed and hanged 7:1-10
- E. The new decree by the king 8:1-17
- F. The Jews defeat their attackers 9:1-19
- G. The Feast of Purim is instituted 9:20-32
- H. Mordecai becomes renowned 10:1-3

Concluding application: God can be trusted - 1 Peter 5:7