

It's About Time

(Part Two)

I. Background: No Mention of God

'For the living God is with him'

– Esther 6:13, LXX

- 8:12-17, Mordecai promoted; Haman's decree bypassed
- 9:1-13, Jews destroy enemies
- 9:14-32, celebration
- 10:1-3, Mordecai's promotion
 - Joseph – Egypt
 - Daniel – Babylon
 - Mordecai – Persia

I. Background: No Mention of God

II. Book: All About God

1. Proclamation of God

- Ch.1-2: if listen to bad advice...
- Ch.1-2: if act under influence of anger...
- Ch.1-2: if mistreat loved ones, may suffer more than they do
- Ch.3:2,5, Mordecai knew God's word; literally 'stood' alone
- Ch.4, if heed godly advice, no regrets
- Ch.5:2, approach king's throne, Hb.4
- Ch.5-9, sin pays

2. People of God shine in the dark

- Great examples of . . .

1. Forgiveness, 2:21-23

- a. Jer.29:7

- b. Gn.50:17...

- c. Mt.6:14-15

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Why so sure?

Gn.12 – promises of God

- God said it; that settles it; they believed
- Standing on the promises

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1. Forgiveness, 2:21-23

2. Faith, 4:14

3. Fearlessness, 4:16

- a. Our friends encourage; Dt.13:6-11

- b. Our enemies threaten; Dn.3; 2 Tim.4

3. Providence of God

- 4:14, who knows...?
- 4:16, Jewish girl: right place / time
 1. Miracle?
 2. Providence? Ac.23
 - a. Used series of 'chance events' to save His people
 - b. Evangelism

4. Power of God

- Est.9:1...22

One word, two verses:

¹ ***the opposite occurred***

[***was turned to the contrary***, NASB]

²² ***was turned***

Divine passive

Unseen hand of God...

- Egypt; Moab [Balaam], Dt.23:5
- Ahasuerus, Jn.4:22. Haman, Ja.4:6

5. Preservation of God

- Est.9:28 - Turns fast into feast
 - Est.4 – why doesn't somebody do something?

Jews: all news was bad; fasting; crying...

Lesson: 'more with us...' – 2 Kings 6

1. Do not doubt Him.
2. Do not fear enemy. Mt.10:28
3. Do not forget outcome: 1 Co.15