

## Week # 52 Casual Observations

**12-26-2022** Est.1:1-4:17 **Question:** Did King Xerxes act wisely in response to the Queens disobedience? Explain?

**Answer:** Est.1:13, 17-21

- Est.1:1-9 A view of what it was like in the palace grounds and the 7 day banquet
- Est.1:10-22 The end of the part and the fall of a queen and the president established.
- Est.1:13 "men who understood the times"; we always need wise men who do understand.
- Est.2:1-14 Esther's preparations
- Est.2:15-18 Esther's success
- Est.2:19-23 Mordecai saves the king
- Est.3:1-15 Haman's plot to destroy all the Jews
- Est.4:1-17 Mordecai and Esther's response, fast and pray and then act

**12-27-2022** Est.5:1-9:17 **Question:** Why were people of other nationalities becoming Jews? **Answer:** Est.8:17

- Est.5:1-14 Ester's bravery and request, Haman's anger and pride
- Est.6:1-14 Mordecai honored by the king much to Haman's humiliation and disgrace
- Est.7:1-10 Haman's end, well deserved end
- Est.8:1-17 A new counter edict to remove the threat of the 1<sup>st</sup> edict to kill Jews.

**12-28-2022** Est.9:18-10:3; Ezra 4:6-23; Ps.105 **Question:** So what are the days of Purim? Why are there 2 days?

**Answer:** Est.9:17-22

- Est.9:18-32 A new holiday and the reason for its name.

- Ezr.4:6-16 Opposition to building the temple, a letter is sent looking for authority to stop it.
- Ezr.4:17-23 The letter generates temporary halt to work on temple.
- Ps.105 A psalm of praise, a retelling of Israel's history, God is worthy of praise, praise the Lord

**12-29-2022** Ps.106; Ezra 7:1-8:14 **Question:** Ezra is referred to multiple time in what manner? (What was he was called in association to his job/title/work and why?)

**Answer:** Ezr.7:6,12,21

- Ps.106 Another Psalm of praise, a reminder of God's awesomeness and strong reason to believe and obey Him
- Ezr.7:1-10 A little history on the man of God, Ezra
- Ezr.7:11-28 The letter from king Artaxerxes for Ezra's authority to work
- Ezr.7:27-8:14 Ezra's response to the letter and the results to the letter content.

**12-30-2022** Ezra 8:15-10:44; 1Chr.3:17-24 **Question:** What is the great sin of the returned exiles that causes Ezra such grief and leads to making a covenant between the people and God? **Answer:** Ezr.9:1-3, 14

- Ezr.8:15-36 The gathering of people and treasures assembled for the journey to Jerusalem.
- Ezr.8:21-23,31 God heard and delivered safely
- Ezr.9:1-15 The "great sin" of the people and their leaders and Ezra's response to their confession
- Ezr.10:1-44 Ezra and the people who sinned made a covenant and (attempted) remedied their wrongs.
- Ezr.10:2 Mingled holy seed with the nations ?
- 1Chr.3:17-24 Chronicled descendents.