

Keys to Experiencing REST

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Esther 7:3-6&7 ...“If I have found favor with you,



Esther 9:20-22 Mordecai wrote these things down and sent letters to all the Jews in all the provinces, both near and far, of King Xerxes. ²¹ He made it a rule that Jews keep the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Adar as special days each and every year. ²² They are the days on which the Jews finally put to rest the troubles with their enemies. -CEV

Chapter 1 & 2 **KINGS GREATNESS** ↔ **Chapter 9 & 10** **MORDECAI'S GREATNESS**

Chapter 3a **HAMAN ELEVATED** ↔ **Chapter 8c** **MORDECAI ELEVATED**

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Chapter 4 **ESTHER & MORDECAI PLAN TO REVERSE THE DECREE** ↔ **Chapter 8a** **ESTHER & MORDECAI PLAN TO REVERSE THE DECREE**

Chapter 5 **ESTHER'S 1ST BANQUET** ↔ **Chapter 7** **ESTHER'S 2ND BANQUET**

Chapter 6 **THE STORY PIVOTS**

“The story of Esther calls us to trust in the power and presence of God even when, and perhaps especially when, He seems absent and we cannot imagine how he could possibly do what He has promised in His Word.” -Karen H. Jobes, *The NIV Application Commentary*, pg. 211

Experiencing REST in your relationship with God:

In a book full of tension, Esther 9:22 tells us that Jews *finally* experienced a time of rest. The same keys that brought Esther and her people rest are available to us.

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Esther 4:14 "For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place"
Ps 119:160 All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.
John 8:32 & 17:17 "your word is truth"; "Then you will know the truth, & the truth will set you free."

Esther 4:16 “Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day.”
Philippians 4:6&7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Esther 7:4 *For I and my people have been sold to be destroyed, killed and annihilated.*

Psalms 32:3 *When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.*

Esther 7:4 On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the palace... Esther approached and touched the tip of the scepter.

John 14:1 Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me.

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