

Kingdom of God Flashcards

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Part Five: The Period of Theocratic Transition

Chapter 43: The Covenant People under Divine Protection

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<p>Kingdom of God Chapter 43</p> <p>Why do some question the Book of Esther being placed in the older testament?</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p>	<p>1) God is not mentioned</p> <p>2) no record of worship except one mention of prayer & fasting</p>
<p>Kingdom of God Chapter 43</p> <p>Why should Esther be considered part of the Bible?</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p>	<p>1) God's providential care clearly seen</p> <p>2) Jews never questioned the Book of Esther</p> <p>3) Christ accepted the Jewish Bible as the Sacred Scriptures (Esther is in Jewish Bible)</p>
<p>Kingdom of God Chapter 43</p> <p>Where is the Book of Esther placed?</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p>	<p>Book of Esther placed in the Writings</p> <p>Significant: Hebrews held Esther not written by a prophet. Esther is also included in the Megilloth (Five Rolls) which are read at the five feasts of the Jewish year.</p>

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<p>Kingdom of God Chapter 43</p> <p>Who is the author of the Book of Esther?</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p>	<p>not by a prophet (since it is in the Writings)</p> <p>probably by someone who had not returned to Judea & residing in Persia (Iraq) where Esther takes place</p> <p>some think it may have been Mordecai</p>
<p>Kingdom of God Chapter 43</p> <p>When was the Book of Esther written?</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p>	<p>approximately the first half of the fifth century B.C.</p> <p>we know the Persian ruler, Ahasuerus, as Xerxes who ruled from 485-465 B.C.</p> <p>Esther was written after the death of Xerxes</p> <p>these events occurred at the same time as Ezra</p>
<p>Kingdom of God Chapter 43</p> <p>Explain the times of the Book of Esther.</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p>	<p>1) Cyrus issued edict allowing Jews to return to their country</p> <p>2) Only a small portion of Jews returned home as they did not want to leave their businesses & homes.</p>
<p>Kingdom of God Chapter 43</p> <p>What is the purpose of the Book of Esther?</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p>	<p>Zerubbabel, living in Judah, led a little band of Jews back home</p> <p>the Messial would come from Judah's remnant</p> <p>Esther's work influenced the whole outcome of the Kingdom of God</p> <p>gives the feast of Purim background</p>

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<p>Kingdom of God Chapter 43</p> <p>How do we see God working in the Book of Esther?</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p>	<p>through natural means and not in a supernatural way (providence of God)</p> <p>God used the strange events of the Book of Esther to accomplish His will</p>
<p>Kingdom of God Chapter 43</p> <p>Describe Mordecai.</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) like Nehemiah2) godly3) could not return to Judah due to his palace position4) knew God would save His people
<p>Kingdom of God Chapter 43</p> <p>Describe the defeat of evil in the Book of Esther.</p> <p>© Beverly Schmitt, all rights reserved</p>	<p>Haman, the enemy of God's people, is defeated through God's working of providential care</p> <p>Haman is hung on the gallows he had prepared for the believer, Mordecai</p> <p>God's people are allowed to defend themselves and defeat their enemies. Mordecai receives a the place of honor Haman held.</p>