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What I have Learned Term 4 – December 15, 2024

Lesson 8 Rescued! – Esther 7 and 8

Possible Points	My Points	Questions
5		1. What did Queen Esther ask the king to do at the second banquet? (Esther 7:3-4)
5		2. How did King Xerxes react when Esther revealed Haman’s plan? (Esther 7:7-10)
5		3. What new law did King Xerxes allow Mordecai to write after Haman’s death? (Esther 8:8 and 11)
5		4. How did the Jewish people react when they heard about the new law? (Esther 8:16-17)

Possible Points	My Points	Memory Verse
10		Esther 4:14 – “Who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”

Possible Points	My Points	Home Connection	Parent/Guardian Signature
5		<i>I have read the story for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

Total Points	Teacher Use Only
	Teacher’s Signature _____ Date _____



Have you ever wanted to know something, and Mom or Dad says, “Wait a minute”? It feels as if you are going to burst with curiosity. That is probably how King Xerxes felt when he came to Esther’s second banquet.

King Xerxes and Haman were enjoying Esther’s second banquet, but the king was curious. He wanted to know what Esther wanted and why she hadn’t asked yet. “Queen Esther, what do you want?” the king asked. “You can have up to half my kingdom.”

Esther replied, “My king, if you care for me, please let me live, and let my people live. Someone wants to kill us all. If we were going to be sold as slaves, I wouldn’t say anything, but we’re going to be destroyed!”

The king was shocked and angry. “Who has done this? Where is he?” he shouted.

Esther pointed at Haman. “It’s Haman!” she said.

Haman stopped eating. He was terrified. He didn’t think Esther knew about his plan. The king was furious and stormed out of the room. Haman knew he was in big trouble, so he begged Queen Esther for his life.

Just then, the king came back and saw Haman begging Esther. “Haman!” he roared. “How dare you attack the queen in my own house?” Immediately, the king’s servants grabbed Haman and took him away.

One of the king’s servants told him, “Haman built a platform to hang Mordecai, the man who warned you about the plan to kill you.”

The king ordered, “Hang Haman on it!” And so they did. Afterward, the king gave Queen Esther everything that had belonged to Haman.

Esther then told the king that Mordecai was her cousin and how he had raised her. The king sent for Mordecai and gave him the ring he had taken from Haman, which showed the king’s power. Mordecai was now the king’s assistant.

But Esther’s work wasn’t done yet. She went back to the king and begged him to stop Haman’s evil plan. “Please, my king, help us!” she cried.

The king said, “I can’t cancel the law because it was sealed with my signet ring, but I can do something. Mordecai can tell my secretaries what to write, and then seal it with the ring I gave him.”

Mordecai told the secretaries to write a new law that let the Jews fight back against anyone who tried to hurt them. They could even take the property of their enemies. Once the letters were written, they were sealed and sent out to the entire kingdom.

When the Jews heard the new orders, they celebrated with great joy. People all over the land were happy, and some even became Jews. To this day, Jews celebrate this event with the feast of Purim, remembering how Esther and Mordecai served God and helped save God’s people from destruction.

Extra Activity For The Week:

Further Reading: Ask your parents for help!

Read Matthew 4:18-22 and Mark 2:13-14

- What happened to Peter, Andrew, James, John and Levi?
- What did they do for work before meeting Jesus and what were they doing after meeting Jesus?

Jesus gives us the same invitation today. He wants us to serve Him and His people. Think about different situations in your home or school in how you could serve Him.

God leads us to opportunities to serve Him and His people.