

Esther
Gail Arterburn –2021

Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –05/10/21

Lesson 2
Esther 2:1-23

1. Read Esther 2:1-4. If you attended class last week, what disastrous event would have taken place in the interim between 1:3-2:16. How would one assume this had affected King Xerxes?
2. What did the king's personal attendants propose he should do to replace Queen Vashti? How was their plan to be carried out? What was the major qualification for the new queen?
3. Read Esther 2:5-11. Who was Mordecai? Who was Esther? How was she described in vv. 5-7?
4. Who was Hegai? How did he treat Esther? Why?
5. Why do you think Mordecai had forbidden her to reveal she was a Jew?
6. Read Esther 2:12-20. What preparations were made before any of the candidates for queen were presented to the King? (vv. 12-14) What insight is given about Esther's character?
7. Who made the ultimate choice of Esther as queen? Did she rise to her high position because of her obedience to the Law of God? What does this tell you about God?
8. Read Esther 2:21-23. What did Mordecai overhear while sitting at the king's gate? What did he do? What was the result?
9. What "coincidences" were providentially arranged by God in this chapter? How is this an encouragement to you?