

ESTHER

WHEN GOD SEEMS ABSENT

PART EIGHT OF EIGHT: A Most Satisfying Conclusion.

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This is a historical story placed in the eternal Word of God for our instruction. It is very satisfying to our logic and emotions because justice prevails, and wrongs are made right.

As we end our look at the story of Esther, we draw these conclusions:

Sin is blinding.

The king was tricked and manipulated because he was blind to the schemes that were focused against him.

Psalm 14:1 *The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.*

All people have been given ample warnings that a Holy God exists.

Romans 1:19–20 *For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.*

Sin blinds humans to the peril that awaits those without a Savior.

Proverbs 16:5 *The LORD detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished.*

Justice is nearing.

Justice will be swift.

1 Thessalonians 5:3 *While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.*

Justice comes in God's time and not before.

God's timing is misinterpreted as the absence of any being that will hold humans accountable.

2 Peter 3:9 *The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

Justice is complete and rectifies all wrong.

Galatians 6:7 *Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.*

God is blessing.

Here is a picture of reward given to those who follow Jesus.

The people were given freedom from the death sentence imposed upon them

Galatians 6:8 *The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.*

No good deed done for the glory of Jesus will ever be forgotten by God.

Take this with you...

The conclusion of this historic story is greatly satisfying because evil and wretchedness are not left unchecked.

The conclusion of this historic story is greatly satisfying because it validates our God-given desire for fairness.

The conclusion of this historic story is greatly satisfying because it is a picture of God's undeserved grace to His followers.