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## ESTHER Esther 3:12-4:17

Please complete the worksheet at home, YOUR PARENTS CAN HELP! Be sure to bring them back each week. You will earn 25 points for each section that you do! Review the answers too so you are ready for the Jeopardy game! We will spend 15 minutes at the beginning of each Sunday reviewing as well!

### Level 1 Questions—Read Esther 3:12-4:17

1. On the thirteenth day of which month did the royal secretaries write out Haman's orders?  
(v512)
2. What did Mordecai do to his clothes when he heard about the new law?  
(v51)
3. What woman was in great distress when she heard about Mordecai?  
(v54)
4. What did Esther send to Mordecai to put on in place of his sackcloth?  
(v54)
5. What group of people did Haman want to destroy?  
(v57)
6. Whose presence did Mordecai want Esther to go into?  
(v58)
7. What would happen to someone if they approached the king without being summoned?  
(v511)
8. How many days had passed since Esther had been called to go to the king?  
(v511)
9. Who did Esther want Mordecai to gather together in Susa?  
(v516)
10. How many days and nights did Esther ask the Jews to not eat or drink?  
(v516)

### Level 2 Questions- Read Esther 3:12-4:17

### LEVEL 2

1. Who was summoned on the thirteenth day of the first month?  
(v512)
2. In what languages did the secretaries write out Haman's orders?  
(v512)
3. How did King Xerxes seal the orders?  
(v512)
4. What were the people to plunder from the Jews?  
(v513)
5. Why was the law made known to the people of every nationality?  
(v514)
6. How did the city of Susa feel when they heard about the edict?  
(v515)
7. What two things did Mordecai put on when he learned about the edict?  
(v51)
8. In what two ways did Mordecai wail?  
(v51)
9. What was Haman going to pay to destroy the Jews?  
(v57)
10. Where did Esther live?  
(v513)

**Level3 Questions – Read Esther 3:12-4:17**

**LEVEL 3**

1. Where were Haman's dispatches sent? (vs 13)
2. Which Jews were to be killed? Give four answers. (vs 13)
3. The Jews were to be destroyed in the month of Adar. How many months was that from when the first order was given? (vs 13)
4. How many days did Haman plan to take to kill all the Jews? (vs 13)
5. What two things did Mordecai want Esther to do when she went into the king's presence? (vs 8)
6. Who would be put to death if they approached the king in the inner court without being summoned? (vs 11)
7. What was the only exception to the king's law that would spare a person's life? (vs 11)
8. Why would Esther perish along with her father's family? (vs 14)
9. Why did Mordecai say Esther may have come to her royal position? (vs 14)
10. What did Esther say she would do if the Jews would fast for her and what might be the outcome of doing this? (vs 14)

**Section 4**

**Life Application at home**

Talk to your parents about what trusting God was like for Esther. What made it hard, why do you think she trusted God anyway? What are ways God is asking you to trust Him?

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## **Esther 3:12-4:17 (NIV Translation) ESTHER**

<sup>12</sup> Then on the thirteenth day of the first month the royal secretaries were summoned. They wrote out in the script of each province and in the language of each people all Haman's orders to the king's satraps, the governors of the various provinces and the nobles of the various peoples. These were written in the name of King Xerxes himself and sealed with his own ring.

<sup>13</sup> Dispatches were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces with the order to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews-young and old, women and little children-on a single day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar, and to plunder their goods.

<sup>14</sup> A copy of the text of the edict was to be issued as law in every province and made known to the people of every nationality so they would be ready for that day.

<sup>15</sup> Spurred on by the king's command, the couriers went out, and the edict was issued in the citadel of Susa. The king and Haman sat down to drink, but the city of Susa was bewildered.

### **Esther 4**

<sup>1</sup> When Mordecai learned of all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the city, wailing loudly and bitterly.

<sup>2</sup> But he went only as far as the king's gate, because no one clothed in sackcloth was allowed to enter it.

<sup>3</sup> In every province to which the edict and order of the king came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping and wailing. Many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

<sup>4</sup> When Esther's maids and eunuchs came and told her about Mordecai, she was in great distress. She sent clothes for him to put on instead of his sackcloth, but he would not accept them.

<sup>5</sup> Then Esther summoned Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs assigned to attend her, and ordered him to find out what was troubling Mordecai and why.

<sup>6</sup> So Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate.

<sup>7</sup> Mordecai told him everything that had happened to him, including the exact amount of money Haman had promised to pay into the royal treasury for the destruction of the Jews.

<sup>8</sup> He also gave him a copy of the text of the edict for their annihilation, which had been published in Susa, to show to Esther and explain it to her, and he told him to urge her to go into the king's presence to beg for mercy and plead with him for her people.

<sup>9</sup> Hathach went back and reported to Esther what Mordecai had said.

<sup>10</sup> Then she instructed him to say to Mordecai,

<sup>11</sup> "All the king's officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that he be put to death. The only exception to this is for the king to extend the gold scepter to him and spare his life. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king."

<sup>12</sup> When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai,

<sup>13</sup> he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape.

<sup>14</sup> For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

<sup>15</sup> Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai:

<sup>16</sup> "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. I and my maids will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish."

<sup>17</sup> So Mordecai went away and carried out all of Esther's instructions.