

The Return from Captivity

Section 11-12: Esther 1-4

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Read: Esther 1-4

Intro: Not all Jews returned home to Judah from captivity. Many stayed in foreign lands and continued their lives. Esther is a historical account of a certain group who stayed in the land of Persia centered in the city of Susa.

Esther Becomes Queen and Haman's Plot (Esther 1-4)

- How did Esther become Queen? (Esther 1:1-2:20)

- What did Mordecai do for the King? (2:21-23)

- What was Haman's plot against the Jews? (3:1-15)

- What happens when Esther learns of Haman's plot? (4:1-17)

- Who is not mentioned by name in the book of Esther?

Thoughts About the Jews who did not return to Jerusalem/Judah

- What role did these Jews play in God's plan for the Messiah?

- What did these Jews know about the Jews that did return to Judah, the temple, Haggai and Zechariah's prophecies?

- Where might these Jew's descendants be mentioned in the New Testament?
