

The Book of Esther – Part Two
Questions
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- 1). The Book of Esther deals primarily with a specific time period relative to the nation of Israel. This time is known as the Tribulation, the time of Jacob's trouble, and Daniel's 70th week. Will the Church, or any portion thereof, be present on the earth during this event? How do we know? (Reference last week.)

- 2). Since this Book is dealing with the nation of Israel, it is necessary that we know their history. Genesis 22:16-18 sums up the promises to Abraham. Explain what these promises mean, and how it pertains to the Church as well as the nation of Israel (p. 4 of the sermon notes).

- 3). Israel can only realize these promises after they come to the place of repentance. This repentance will only take place after the overthrow of Gentile world power (Luke 21:24). How will God get Israel to repent? (p. 5 #3)

- 4). Concerning Israel's future repentance, what is the type picture presented to us in the Book of Jonah? (pp. 5 & 6)

5). We also see how God deals with the nation of Israel through the type picture presented to us in the Book of Exodus. What does this show us? (p. 7)

6). The Book of Esther takes place historically during the time when the nation of Israel is dispersed among the Gentile nations, with the Gentile nations "ruling over them." This is exactly what will again happen during the 7 year Tribulation (of which the Book of Esther pictures). King Ahasuerus of the Book of Esther is aka King Xerxes. What kingdom was he ruling over?

7). Name the order of the kingdoms that began the "times of the Gentiles," beginning with Nebuchadnezzar.

8). Daniel's image is extremely important to understand if we are to correctly understand the prophecy concerning it. First, where is the image standing? And so where must all the kingdoms being presented by the image emanate primarily from?

9). The head of gold represents which kingdom?

10). The chest and arms of silver represent which kingdom? (This one followed immediately after the last one.) This is also the kingdom in which we find the historical context of the Book of Esther.

11). The belly and thighs of brass represent which kingdom?

12). The legs of iron and feet of iron and clay represent which kingdom?

13). Most churches teach that this fourth kingdom is the Roman Empire. Why can this not be true? (p.13 #j; p.14 #o; p.15 #9)