

Pathways
Lessons from Esther
“From Providence to Purpose”

Week 2

“*Mile Markers*”

Mile markers are signs that God gives us along the way that His providence is steering us to His divine kingdom purpose and destination for our lives.



Esther 3:1-3, NKJV

- 1 After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him and set his seat above all the princes who were with him.
- 2 And all the king's servants who were within the king's gate bowed and paid homage to Haman, for so the king had commanded concerning him. But Mordecai would not bow or pay homage.
- 3 Then the king's servants who were within the king's gate said to Mordecai, "Why do you transgress the king's command?"

Esther 3:4-5, NKJV

4 Now it happened, when they spoke to him daily and he would not listen to them, that they told it to Haman, to see whether Mordecai's words would stand; for Mordecai had told them that he was a Jew.

5 When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow or pay him homage, Haman was filled with wrath.

Esther 3:6, NKJV

But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him of the people of Mordecai. Instead, Haman sought to destroy all the Jews who were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus – the people of Mordecai.



#1 Spiritual Warfare

“Spiritual warfare is where there is an attack by the evil one, through his surrogates, in order to keep God’s kingdom from expanding and keep His promises from being fulfilled.”

Tony Evans

“The book of Esther is about a spiritual battle that seeks to thwart the kingdom of God and negate the promises of God.”

Tony Evans

Ephesians 6:12-13, NKJV

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Colossians 1:13-14

13 For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son,
14 who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.



#2 Opportunities

“God has called us to represent
Him on earth and to intersect
for the kingdom of heaven
against the onslaught of the
kingdom of hell.”

Tony Evans

“God wants you to be a channel of blessing. He doesn’t want you to be a cul de sac; He wants you to be a conduit.”

Tony Evans



James 1:2-4, NKJV

- 2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,
- 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.
- 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.



#3 A Faith Risk

“Faith involves acting like it is so even when it’s not so in order that it might be, simply because God said so.”

Tony Evans

Esther 4:8, NKJV

He also gave him a copy of the written decree for their destruction, which was given at Shushan, that he might show it to Esther and explain it to her, and that he might command her to go in to the king to make supplication to him and plead before him for her people.

Esther 4:13-14, NKJV

13 And Mordecai told them to answer Esther: "Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews.

14 For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Esther 4:15-16, NKJV

15 Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai:
16 "Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!"

Hebrews 11:1, NKJV

Now faith is the substance
of things hoped for, the
evidence of things not
seen.