

**Week Three**  
**Esther 2:19-3:15**

**Day One**  
**Read Esther 2:19-23**

What type of instruction do you think Mordecai gave Esther growing up? Give scripture to support your answer.

How was Esther able to keep her family background and nationality a secret?

Does this mean she didn't love the Lord?

How do you act around people who aren't associated with your church or religion?

What did Mordecai do to receive credit before the king?

How was it recorded?

**Day Two**

**Read Esther 3:1-6**

Was there a time when you did all the work but someone else received the credit?

How did it make you feel?

Why is it important that we know Haman's family background? (Read Exodus 17; 1 Samuel 15:7-11)

Why would Mordecai not kneel to Haman? Give scripture to support your answer.

Why did the royal officials go to the king regarding Mordecai?

What happened when Haman took notice?

Is there someone that you greatly dislike and it affects the way you act toward them, their family or friends?

What happens when we don't forgive and continue to hold a grudge? Give scripture to support your answer.

**Day Three**

**Read Esther 3:7-15**

Why did Haman hate the Jews so badly?

Think of your neighborhood, church, or place of work.

Are there people in those settings that don't have the same customs as you?

What are some differences in lifestyle?

How should we act toward those that aren't the same as us?

Did God create them just as He created us? What does that mean to you?

What is the one thing that everyone must have in their life to be with God in heaven? Give scripture to support your answer.

**Day Four**

**Read Esther 3:7-15**

Why do you think it wasn't in the king's best interest to tolerate the Jews?

When told about the decree and money, what did the king tell Haman to do?

Who else in history has tried to wipe out the Jews?

What does God say about the protection of His Chosen people (meaning the Jewish people)? Give scripture to support your answer.

Do you feel you're protected by God? Why or why not?

**Day Five**

Read Esther 3:7-15

How much time was there between the decree being sent and the day designated for the death of the Jews?

List events in your life that you knew were coming up but weren't looking forward to them.

How did you feel as the events approached?

What did the king and Haman do when the edict was issued?

What was the feeling of the city of Susa?

Has there been a time in your life that you saw God's hand of protection on you?

How will you thank God this week for His protection over your life?