

The Rise of a New Queen Esther: Chapter Two

A. A Sober Return

1. The events of Chapter 2 in 480-479 B.C. which was _____ years after the big party.
2. During that time the king had suffered an embarrassing loss to Greece, and on his return, He “_____ Vashti.” (Esther 2:1)
 - What was he feeling? 2 things...
 - ✓ He was feeling _____ for what he had done to Vashti.
 - ❖ What do we need to know concerning regrets?
 - ✓ He was _____ at the loss of the battle in Greece.
 - ❖ What do we need to remember about humility?
3. Seeing the king’s countenance fall, his servants pitched a _____ plan. (Esther 2:2-4)
 - How was it career saving?
4. The king was _____ for their worldly solution to his problem. (Esther 2:4)
 - What do believers have to remember concerning this?

B. An Amazing Candidate

1. There is a local young woman by the name Esther that “_____” to meet the requirements of the desired new queen. (Esther 2:5-7)

- What is significant about her heritage?
2. Esther is _____ and _____ for her interview with the king. (Esther 2:8-11)
 - What does her obedience indicate about her intentions?
 3. The rules of the contest stated that there was a _____ period with there was only one test given and only one “winner” selected.(Esther 2:12-14)
 - What was the result for the winner?
 - What was the result for the loser?
 - Was it worth it?
 4. She proves to be a _____ candidate. (Esther 2:15-16)
 5. Esther _____!(Esther 2:17-20)
 - What was this relationship like?

C. A Conspiracy Uncovered

1. Two killers make a plan to _____ the king but it is found out and disclosed to the king in Mordecai’s name. (Esther 2:21-22)
2. They are hanged and Mordecai is _____ with saving the king’s life.(Esther 2:23)

D. Remember

1. Regrets are the things that are to bring us _____ to God not drive us _____ from God.
2. God resist’s the proud but gives grace to the _____.
3. We need to seek _____ ways in dealing with our issues in life, not seek _____ ways though they may be easier.
4. Worldly solutions to our problems oftentimes lead to _____.