

- 2:16...This is a key verse in the chronology and dates the event in the 10th month of the 7th year of his rule...we are not sure if that was an accession year or a non-accession year and I will try to explain this in a way that will confuse everyone.
- 2:17...the king was smitten with Esther---immediately---he chose her for the queenly succession...the contest was over and that is all you can say about it. He put the crown on her head
- 2:18...and in proof of his action he gave a great celebrational feast and showed the validity of it by the “releases” and gifts sent to the provinces.
- 2:19...note the gathering of the virgins (a second time) and the shift to the fact that Mordecai now sat in the gate...a more important position, if you please, than he had held before although we do not know how he gained the promotion or exactly all that it meant....but there he was!
- 2:20...Esther has kept her Jewish identity secret...note how the text notes that she was obedient to Malachi...as she had been all of her life. She is now the queen but has no undue pretext of greatness for herself.
- 2:21...and suddenly two fellows who were door keepers (very important posts) decided to take the life of the king---they were angry with him for some reason and were in a good position to assassinate him as the opportunity would allow.
- 2:22...but in some way this became known to Mordecai (now men who are plotting things like this don't discuss them in public! There is a snitch somewhere. Mordecai tells Esther and Esther reported the matter to the king, crediting Mordecai for the information.
- 2:23...the conspirators were discovered and hung...the whole thing was written in the records of the kingdom....in the book of the chronicles of the king. And if you don't think this is important...well, watch and see.

III. Conclusion:

Thanks for joining us today. We have seen the happening of some remarkable events and there are more to come. Remember to be a reader of this book and if you pick up some gem that is new and precious, you could send it to me....I love to see things in the Scripture and sometimes would have missed them completely but for some thoughtful and adept student. So let the Scripture be your daily blessing as well as your guide...you will not be misled or uninformed.