**Esther**

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The book of Esther contains a wealth of information relative *to Israel and the nations*, having to do mainly with activity occurring at the end of and following the Times of the Gentiles.

Esther 1-2, within the typical structure of the book, relate the complete history of Israel — from God’s call surrounding this nation during Moses’ day to that future day when this call will be realized under the One greater than Moses, with Israel then occupying the nation’s proper place, in the Messianic Kingdom.

Then the remaining seven chapters (Esther 3-10) form commentary material for the first two chapters, centering attention on that future time when God will resume His national dealings with Israel, at the end of Man’s Day, terminating at the same place as the first two chapters — Israel occupying the nation’s proper place, in the Messianic Kingdom.

Esther 3 begins with the rise of Haman to a high position of power in the kingdom, typifying the future rise of Antichrist to a position of world power in the kingdom near the middle of Daniel’s unfulfilled Seventieth Week. And the remainder of the book reveals Antichrist’s activities (typified by Haman’s activities) as they relate particularly to Israel (typified by both Esther and Mordecai), that which Israel will do because of these activities, Antichrist’s ultimate fall (which marks the end of the Times of the Gentiles), and Israel’s subsequent rise to the position that the nation was called to occupy almost 3,500 years ago when God called the Israelites out of Egypt under Moses.

In the preceding respect, Esther 3-10 parallel Revelation 6-20. And, when studying either book, to gain a proper understanding of the book, it is *vitally important that Scripture be compared with Scripture.* One book must be studied in the light of the other, among other books (Old Testament and New Testament) containing related subject matter as well.

This is simply one of the ways in which God has structured His Word, *necessitating comparing Scripture with Scripture* in order to gain a correct understanding of that which has been revealed. God, through this means, has provided man with *a complete revelation* of Himself, His plans, and His purposes.

This *complete revelation* though can be seen *only in one place* — *in the complete Word*. And it can be properly seen and understood through *only one means* — *through comparing parts of this revelation with other parts of this revelation, through* “*comparing spiritual things with spiritual*”(1 Corinthians 2:9-13), *viewing and studying the whole of Scripture in this manner*.

In this respect, the book of Esther is an integral and vital link to seeing and understanding *the complete word picture* that God has provided. Not only *must* Esther be viewed and studied in the light of related Scripture (*e.g*., Exodus, Daniel, Revelation, among numerous other books and places in Scripture) but related Scripture *must* be viewed and studied in the light of Esther as well.

And the importance of Esther in this respect is self-evident. This book is about *Israel and the nations*, and understanding God’s dealings with Israel in this respect is *a central key* to understanding the whole of Scripture.

Understand the message of the book of Esther (comparing Scripture with Scripture), and you can understand what has happened, is happening, and is about to happen relative to Israel and the nations. *It was all foretold in the small book of Esther almost two and one-half millennia ago*.

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