

Esther and Mordechai Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

What do we know about Mordechai?

What can we learn about him by examining the life of Esther?

Imagine what it was like to be a single adoptive/foster father in those days.

What do we learn about the responsibility of parenthood? How do we affect our children's lives?

Is a parent ever done parenting? Do awkward situations arise with adult children?

Those of us with children can share significant events and conversations with children, both when young and older.

Was there a bias against preparing girls for significant roles in society at that time? Is there today?

Even if they are "only parents" is that a significant role?

How did he become influential in the affairs of the palace? (Esther 2:19-23)

Was it an unnecessary risk to not bow to Haman? Could he have rationalized that it would keep the peace? Yet the anger that resulted was the very thing that brought Haman down.

As a "whistle blower" regarding the plot against the king did he put himself at risk?

Liberal scholars make a big deal about the absence of God's name in this book. How can they miss the evidence of God's intervention in this amazing story?

How is this series of events typical of the way God often works in our lives, and society?

How was Mordechai sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit?

What can we learn from this?