

# TYPOLOGY IN ESTHER

## 1. The Basic Background

### PURIM- FEAST OF DICE

The word "*Purim*" means "dice." It was wicked Haman who used dice to set a date for the extermination of the Jews from the Persian Empire on the thirteenth of Adar. God delivered the Jews from the destruction of the plot. Purim is one of three feasts celebrating deliverance.

1. **Hanukkah**—Feast of the deliverance of Judaism.
2. **Purim**—The deliverance of the Jews is celebrated.
3. **Passover**—Deliverance from the slavery of Egypt and the Death Angel.

*Isaiah 54:17*—*No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.*

## 2. THE PURPOSE OF THE BOOK

God shows His provision for His people.

**PROVIDENCE IS THE HAND OF GOD IN THE GLOVE OF HISTORY. God's hand is seen in....**

- **Creation**—the existence of the universe.
- **Preservation**—the continuance of the universe. (*Colossians 1:16, 17*)
- **Providence**—The Progress & Development of the Universe. (*Psalm 135:6-10*)

**Romans 8:28**—*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

God has a way of having the right person, in the right place, at the right time.

**3. WHERE IS GOD?— Aleph Tau 110 times. Strength of Covenant. Messiah's mark and presence as He relates to people in judgement to bless and curse. In ownership of persons places and things.**

## 4. RUTH AND ESTHER COMPARED

A quick glance at the books of the Bible reveals that Esther is one of two books with a woman's name. The other one is Ruth. Ruth joins hands with Esther.

- **Ruth** was the ancestress of the Deliverer—Jesus Christ.  
**Esther** saves the people that the Deliverer may come.
- **Ruth** has a Kinsman Redeemer... Boaz  
**Esther** has a Kinsman Redeemer too... Mordecai.
- **In Ruth**—A Gentile woman is marrying a Jewish prince.  
**In Esther**—A Jewish woman is marrying a Gentile king.
- **Ruth** demonstrates the romance of redemption.  
**Esther** demonstrates the romance of providence.
- **Ruth** God is mentioned.  
**Esther** name of God is not visibly mentioned.

## 5. TYPOLOGY IN ESTHER IN ESTHER

*Esther 2:7* *And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter.*

Her Jewish name is *Haddasah* which means "*myrtle*." The Haddasah or myrtle tree played a significant role in Jewish ceremonies.

The Persian name means star and indeed she became a star of hope, a star of joy and superiority for her people.

The Jewish meaning of the name Esther is "to hide." She was hidden in her uncle Mordechai's house and she kept the fact she was a Jew hidden from the Persians.

1. Esther is a beautiful picture of the redeemed of the Lord, believers in Jesus Christ.
2. As the myrtle is the emblem of immortality, the Church will live with Christ for eternity.
3. The myrtle (*Haddasah*) has evergreen, dark, shiny leaves with white five petaled, star like, flowers which emit a sweet fragrance from the flowers and bruised leaves. **Believers today have a sweet fragrance in their life when Christ saves them, they suffer for Him, and are surrendered to Him in every area of their life.**
4. **Five is the number of grace** in the Bible. Believers are recipients of God's grace and are cleansed by the blood of Christ.
5. **Esther is the accepted queen or bride. She is a picture of those who received the righteousness of God by His redemption. Esther was chosen by the grace of the king. She didn't work to become queen. We don't work to become the bride of Christ. We are saved by His grace through FAITH. She like Vasti could have refused to obey.**
6. **Esther is in submission to Mordecai even though she is queen.** She follows the directions of **Mordecai who is a type of Christ.** The Church today is to follow and obey the Lord Jesus Christ.

7. **Esther was given one year to learn how to beautify and prepare herself for her husband, the King. The believer today is to prepare and beautify him or herself until Christ, the King of Kings, returns or we meet Him in death.** Christians are to adorn themselves with the beauty of holiness  
Esther was a woman of piety, faith, courage, compassion, charm, patriotism, and maturity.

#### **Vashti-Type of lost person-Lost person**

**Vashti means "beautiful woman."** She was a beautiful queen who lost her place because she did not submit to the king and disobeyed his decrees. Beauty and works did not please the king.

**Obedience was demanded. God demands our obedience to His word too. Our righteous beauty and works will not please the King of Kings.**

**Mordecai** is the cousin of Esther who cares for her.

1. He is Esther's **Kinsman Redeemer as Christ is our Kinsman Redeemer.**
2. **He pays her debts and assumes responsibility for her.** Mordecai shows mercy in adopting Esther. Christ did the same for us in receiving us into the family of God **Eph 1:7** Mordecai was faithful to the king as Christ was faithful to His Father's will.
3. Mordecai was hated and despised just as Christ was hated **Mordecai was severely tested and so was Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11).**
4. **Mordecai was of the tribe of Benjamin which means "son of my right hand."** He reminds us of Christ who is at the right hand of God the Father.

**King AHASEURUS (XERXES)= means "the lion king" Ahaseurus indirectly pictures the power of God the Father in His sovereign rule.**

**Haman is a picture of the Anti-Christ who will oppose and endeavor to destroy God's people in the Tribulation.** Haman is the only one branded with the title "The Jews Enemy" (3:10; 7:6; 8:1; 9:10, 14).

**The numerical value of the phrase "Haman the Wicked" = 666... the number of the Anti-Christ.**

#### **Haman—A Type of the Anti-Christ**

- **Appointed to Office**—The man of sin will take control peacefully. First rider on the White Horse-Revelation
  - **Authority** was from the king—The Anti-Christ will be given power from the king of Hell, Satan.
  - **Attempts to exterminate the Jews**—The Anti-Christ in the middle of the Tribulation will persecute the Jews.
  - **Adoration** was commanded—The Anti-Christ will compel worship and reverence of himself.
  - The **Addition of his name—Haman the Wicked = 666 Rev 13:18** The **Annihilation** of God's enemies—The **Anti-Christ like Haman will be destroyed.** The Jews have attended the funerals of every enemy that tried to exterminate them. Haman is no exception.
1. **The point of disobedience and failure is the point where we must begin again in obedience in order to have victory.**
  2. **A bitter person must forgive his offender.**
  3. **Sinful living must be confessed and repented of and then dedication must be renewed.** Jonah got out of God's will by running from God and he got back into His will by doing and obeying what God originally told him to do (Jonah 3:1).
  4. **In Esther we find this truth illustrated in Saul, the son of Kish, a Benjamite. He disobeys and fails. Problems are created from God's enemies.**
  5. **In Esther 2:5, Mordecai is also of the family of Kish of the tribe of Benjamin. It is his obedience that leads to victory over the enemy.**
  6. Saul was man's choice over God. He was tall, big, and strong, and cowardly. His life ends in destruction.
    - **Mordecai was a little man**, yet, he was a man of courage. He lived a life of exaltation by God and victory. Mordecai is an illustration of **1 Cor 1:27-31 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise;** the foolish confounds the wise
      - the weak confounds the mighty
      - the base and despised things bring to nothing the things which are.

Death to the self-life is the key to a deeper walk with Christ.

*Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Matt 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

#### **Sons of Haman**

1. *Parshandatha* Curious *Self* Busy-body - a meddling or prying person Synonym : meddler, interferer, mischief-maker, troublemaker, gossip, scandalmonger
2. *Dalphon* Weeping *Self* Self-pity- excessive, self-absorbed unhappiness over one's own troubles
3. *Aspatha* Assembled *Self* Self-mobilized; self-sufficiency not depending on God.
4. *Poratha* Generous *Self* Spend-thriftiness; impulsive self-indulgence
5. *Adalia* Weak *Self* Self-consciousness; inferiority
6. *Aridatha* Strong *Self* Assertiveness; insistence upon one's own way
7. *Parmashta* Preeminent *Self* Ambition; desire for preeminence over others Glory hog
8. *Arisai* Bold *Self* Imprudence- lacking discretion, good judgment and maturity.