

## The Story of the Results of the Fast in Esther's Day

In Esther's Day God used Mordecai and Esther. God's people were mobilized to fast. Their children were protected from the schemes of the one who planned for their destruction. Satan had a historically unique opportunity to destroy the Messianic line during the time of Queen Esther. Had he been able to destroy all the Jews through Haman, the Secretary of State of King Xerxes whose Bible name was Ahaseurus, Satan could have prevented Jesus Christ from appearing! Because to exterminate the Jewish people meant to exterminate the Jewish lineage. And to exterminate the Jewish lineage meant there would be no Jesus. But deliverance came for God's people in Esther's Day. And deliverance came through Jesus in the fullness of time.

In God's providence, it was the children in Jesus day who recognized this and praised Jesus (Mt. 21:20) even as the adults were silent. For the children to be those called to "silence the foe and the avenger" through their praise of Jesus was in fulfillment of God's decree from the beginning of time (Ps. 8:2) according to Jesus (Mt. 21:20). Jesus came to destroy the work of the enemy (1 John 3:8). And the world was transformed. Indeed recorded history is His story as highlighted by the three historically grounded events.

- 478 BC Jewish Esther become Queen of Persia
- 473 BC Queen Esther saves Jewish nation. Messianic line preserved. Only 28 years later, in
- 445 BC Artaxerxes issues decree to rebuild Jerusalem, starting Messianic Countdown to Palm Sunday and Jesus' crucifixion

For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai, "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do (Esther 4:14-16).