

The Plot Exposed by Esther

5:1 to 7:10

These chapters mark the climax of the book. Here the tables are turned and evil is overcome by good. God's **people** are preserved through an unlikely set of circumstances. It is obvious to believers today reading this book that ADONAI is at work behind the scenes, accomplishing His purposes. The original readers living in Palestine after the Babylonian Captivity would have been reminded that the LORD would protect them against anything that might come their way. And even the forgetfulness of a pagan king could be used by Him to preserve and protect His **people**.⁶³