

Promotion Comes from the Lord"

Esther 2:1-18

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Psalm 75:6,7 tells us several things:

1. Promotion comes from the Lord.
2. God is Judge.
3. He puts down one, and exalts another.

Question: What is the purpose of the new plan in Esther 2:1-4?

Answer: The purpose of the new plan is to pacify the needs of a lonely king.

The main characters of the Book of Esther:

1. Mordecai
2. Esther

Esther has two names:

1. Hadassah is her Hebrew name which means myrtle which is symbolic for peace and joy
2. Esther is her Persian name which means star.

Question: Where was God's hand at work in verse 9?

Answer: Esther won the favor of the king's eunuch, Hegai.

Question: What should we do when we are anxious or worried about something?

Answer: Pray

Three reasons for the 12-months beautification treatments:

1. To remove spots and blemishes.
2. To make sure the woman was not pregnant.
3. The oils and perfumes were necessary because the body's of men and women in these hot countries would yield some pretty significant body odor.

Question: Where was God's hand in v. 15?

1. Esther submitting to the king's eunuch, Hegai.
2. Esther was winning favor in the eyes of everyone.

Question: Where do we see God's hand in verses 16-18?

Answer: Esther found favor in the sight of the king and he crowned her as queen.