

Agape
Life
Bible Study

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How Great Is Our God

PASSING THE FAITH ALONG
A STUDY OF BIG EVENTS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Lesson 13 It's Your Turn Esther



January 11, 2026



Bible Study Prayer

**Father, as we turn to the Bible,
What we know not - teach us,
What we have not - give us,
What we are not - make us,
For your Son's sake,
Amen.**



It's Your Turn – Esther

Taking Turns

Good Thing or Bad Thing?



It's Your Turn - Esther



It's Your Turn – Esther

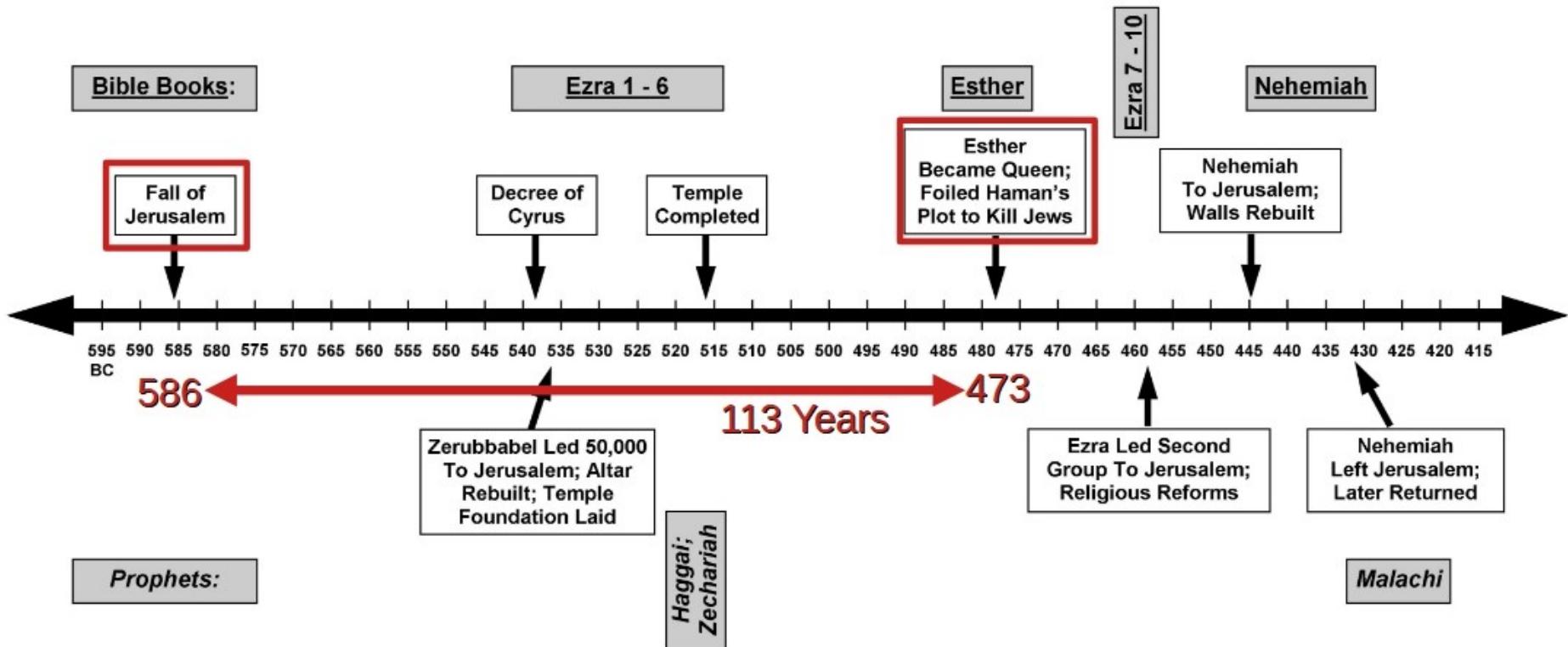
A Wee Bit of Background



It's Your Turn – Esther

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Timeline of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther



It's Your Turn – Esther

A Wee Bit of Background

Ahasuerus (Xerxes) is King of Persia.
He dumps his queen and looks for a replacement.
Mordecai was an older Jewish man.
Hadassah (Esther) was his younger cousin who he adopted when her parents died.
Esther wins the beauty contest to become Queen of Persia.



It's Your Turn – Esther

Haman Gets His Knickers in a Twist

Esther 3:1-6



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Haman Gets His Knickers in a Twist – Esther 3:1-6

**What do you learn about Mordecai
in these 6 verses?**

**What do you learn about Haman
in these 6 verses?**



Meanwhile, the Curtain Falls and Time Passes

Esther 3:7 – 4:3



It's Your Turn – Esther

The Curtain Falls & Time Passes – Esther 3:7 – 4:3

Haman sets out to destroy the Jews and rolls the dice to determine the date.

Haman “bribes” the King to pass the Death Decree.

The Jews across all of Persia go into mourning.



It's Your Turn – Esther

**Mordecai Convinces
Esther to Help
Esther 4:8; 13-15**



It's Your Turn – Esther

Mordecai Convinces Esther to Help – Esther 4:8; 13-15

**Mordecai's mourning gets
Esther's attention**

**What was the gist of
his argument?**



It's Your Turn – Esther

Esther Plans Her Work & Works Her Plan Esther 5:1-8; 7:1-8



It's Your Turn – Esther

The Rest of the Story

Esther 7:9 - 9:32





Final Thoughts



**In the Game of Life
you will have to deal with
the other players in the game.**

Guard your heart.

(Esther 2:10; Proverbs 4:23)





Final Thoughts



**In the Game of Life
you will face hardships.**

Trying to avoid it is fruitless.

(Esther 3:2; John 16:33; 1 Peter 4:12)





Final Thoughts



**In the Game of Life
you will have to respond to
the evil around you.**

Follow Mordecai and Esther's pattern.





Final Thoughts



Mordecai and Esther's Pattern

Mourn and lament over evil
(Esther 4:1)

Pray
(Esther 4:15-16a)

Take action if and when you can
(Esther 4:16b)





Final Thoughts



Mordecai and Esther's Pattern

Always be Prepared for God's Call
Esther 4:13-14

Ephesians 2:10 – God is already working

1 Corinthians 16:9 – God opens doors

1 Peter 3:15 – Be ready to speak up

Galatians 6:10 – Opportunities to serve will come

John 4:35 – Opportunities are already here





Final Thought



It's Your Turn

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

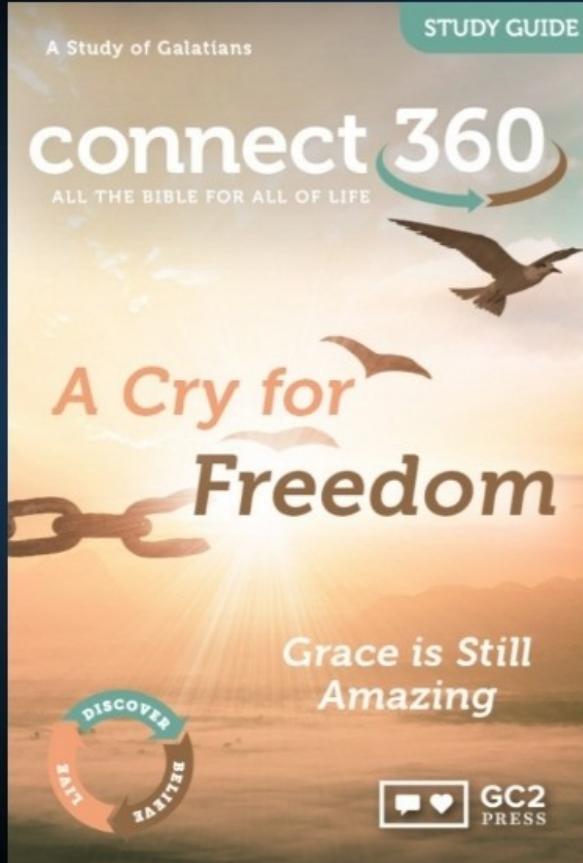
Hebrews 12:1-2



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Galatians

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