Background on Esther

1. Author - unknown
2. Mordecai kept some written record of the events – 9:20
3. The author had access to the chronicles of the Medes and Persians (2:23; 10:2)
4. Date
5. Written around 464 BC (could have been as late as 400 BC)
6. 10:2-3 speaks of the kings reign in the past tense
7. The palace at Shusan was destroyed in 435 BC
8. This king reigned from 486 – 464 BC
9. Keys
10. Key word – Providence
11. Key verse – 4:14
12. Facts
13. God’s name is not mentioned once in the book – (Some suggest that it does not mention God, prayer or teach any out right truth so as to not offend the people of the land)
14. Mordecai was Esther’s cousin
15. The Feast of Purim (Celebrated in the month Adar {Feb-Mar} day 14 and 15)
16. Hadassah was her Hebrew name
17. The events happen between Ezra 6 and 7