

c) Mordecai's character?

3. What did the king do when he could not sleep? What part did the king's insomnia play in God's protection of His people, the Jews?
4. Compare the advice Haman received from his wife and friends with what they told him previously. (See 5:13-14.)
5. In one or two sentences, summarize the paragraphs in Esther chapter 6. This helps in finding out the theme of the paragraph.
 - 6:1-9
 - 6:10-11
 - 6:12-13
 - 6:14

Interpretation: (Using your paragraph summaries and observations determine the subject, theme, and purpose of this chapter.)

Subject: (What is the author's general topic?)

Theme: (What specifically about the subject is being discussed?)

Purpose: (This is the purpose of the passage. Ask yourself, why is this in the Bible?)

***To help you determine the subject, theme, and purpose of this text, **ask questions of the text**. Below are some examples to help you start:

6. How do you see the hand of God in 6:1-2?

7. You may notice that Mordecai hasn't said a word in chapter 6, yet the king saw him fit to be honored. What might this reveal to you about God?

8. How do you think Haman estimates himself from reading 6:6-9?

9. Why do you think Haman is mourning as stated in 6:12?

Application:

10. Mordecai and Haman were living examples of the righteous and the wicked. Read the following passages and note the following questions:

- a) How does God desire you to live?
- b) What are the warnings we should heed?

Proverbs 11:1-8, 18-21

a)

b)

Psalm 73

a)

b)

Luke 14:7-11

a)

b)

11. What lessons can you learn about God's power over the plans of evil people? Is God sovereign over both good and evil? Cite Scripture references.

12. Is there an area in your life where you are tempted to show revenge to one who has hurt you? What might you expect from God if you leave revenge to Him?

Commit your way to the Lord,
Trust also in Him, and He will do it.
He will bring forth your righteousness as the light
And your judgment as the noonday.

Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him;
Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,
Because of the man who carries out wicked schemes.

Psalm 37:5-7