

# Harem or Marriage

Key Verse- Esther 4:12-14

Esther – not the remnant (Ezra and  
Nehemiah)

# Narrator's view is God's view

- Mordecai - cousin, king danger, Hamaan, danger to Jews
- Esther – cousin, king
- Hamaan - king, self
- King - wife, work

You have a choice, not pre-ordained

4:12-17

Consequences occur

God will enact His will over Israel

1. Nothing in your life is not orchestrated by God
2. You have a choice
  - Jeremiah 1, 15
3. Choice has consequences

# The Book of Esther

## The Book of Providential Preservation

God in the shadows watches his own

### **Crisis Anticipated**

(i. – v.)

Queen Vashti deposed (i.)  
Esther becomes queen (ii.)  
Haman plots massacre (iii.)  
Mordecai pleads help (iv.)  
Esther contrives aid (v.)

### **Crisis Overruled**

(vi.- x.)

Mordecai is honored (vi.)  
Haman is executed (vii.)  
The Jews are avenged (viii.)  
Purim is instituted (ix.)  
Mordecai made premier (x.)