

# THE GOOD HAND OF OUR GOD IS UPON US

## A Study of Ezra & Esther

### Big Picture & Class Outline (Chronological Study)

- First Exile Expedition: Temple from Ruins (Ezra 1-6).
- Back in Persia: Everyone almost Dies (Esther).
- Second Exile Expedition: A Return to the Law (Ezra 7-10).

### Lesson 7 – Esther 6:1-7:10

#### 6. God resists the proud (6-7).

- a. Haman goes to court to ask for permission to put Mordecai to death (6:1-13).
  - i. On a random night, the king could not sleep and wanted to be read to (6:1).
  - ii. The king finds that Mordecai has not been honored (2-3).
  - iii. Haman is selected to honor Mordecai instead of executing him (4-13).
- b. Haman is taken to "court" (6:14-7:4).
  - i. Haman is escorted to the banquet (6:14-7:1).
  - ii. Esther reveals she has an enemy (7:2-7:4).
- c. Haman is the object of the king's wrath (7:5-8).

- d. Haman receives the death he planned for Mordecai  
(7:9-10).

### **So What?**

- God can do whatever He wants whenever He wants.
- Reminds me of the gospel.
- God is not an absent-minded ruler (Matthew 6:25-34).
- God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6).
- Meditate on Jesus, not our own desires and honor  
(Colossians 3:1-2).