

THE AFTERMATH OF DEFEAT IN GREECE
THE THREAT TO ISRAEL, PART 2
(Esther 2:1-23)

- I. The Providential _____ of a New _____ (Esther 2:1-18)
- A. The proposed _____ for _____ a queen (2:1-4)
1. The king _____ Vashti
 2. His advisors proposed _____ “beautiful young _____”
from throughout the empire from whom the _____ could choose
 3. _____ girl selected would be added to the king’s _____
 4. They would be given _____
before the king made his choice
- B. The inclusion of a _____ as _____ for queen (2:5-11)
1. Hadassah was probably descended from the line of _____
 2. She was Mordecai’s _____, whom he had _____
 3. She was remanded into the _____ of the keeper of the

 4. He provided her with seven “_____ maids” and put them in
the “_____ in the harem”
 5. Mordecai forbade Esther to _____ her _____
 6. He kept up with her _____
- C. The _____ for _____ the queen (2:12-14)

1. It started with a _____ of _____ treatments
2. When being presented to the _____, she could take with her
_____ she _____
3. Each would spend _____ with the king
4. She would then take her place in the “_____”

D. The _____ selection of _____ as queen (2:15-18)

1. She took _____ but what the _____
provided
2. She impressed _____ who _____ her
3. By God’s _____, the king _____ Esther
4. Xerxes _____ her as his _____

II. The Providential _____ of the _____ (Esther 2:19-23)

A. Mordecai at the king’s _____ (2:19-20)

B. Mordecai as the king’s _____ (2:21-23)

1. An _____ plot “became _____ to” Mordecai
2. He reported what he’d learned to _____
3. She reported to the king what _____ had learned
4. When _____ the conspirators were _____
5. Mordecai’s _____ to the king was _____

III. Lessons

A. _____ acts of divine control _____ the
intentions of the most _____ of men

B. God is _____, not _____, in directing the affairs of
humanity