

Mark Tough - Sunday September 9, 2018
Esther - No such thing as a coincidence

Psalm 139:16b

1) Esther describes how the Jewish race was saved from extinction

a) The setting is the Persian Empire in the early 5th century BC
- Esther 1:1

b) The Jews were under threat of extinction because of Haman's hatred of Mordecai the Jew - Esther 3

Esther 9:4-5

c) Mordecai's cousin Esther had become the Queen of Persia

Esther 2:21-23

d) Mordecai asked Esther to seek mercy for the Jews from the King, but she was highly reluctant

Esther 4:12-14

Esther 4:15-17

Esther 5:9-6:14

e) Esther's pleas to the King resulted in Haman's destruction and the Jews salvation - Esther 7:3-6

Esther 8:11

2) Esther might not mention God but he appears to be at work fulfilling his promises

Genesis 12:3

a) God fulfils his promise to curse those who cursed Abraham and his descendants - Esther 6:12-13

Esther 2:5; 3:1a and 1 Samuel 15

Exodus 17:14-16

b) God overcame the threat to his promise to bless all peoples on earth through Abraham and his descendants - Esther 4:14

Galatians 3:8

3) God is at work today fulfilling his promise to bring blessing to those who trust in Jesus

Romans 8:28-30

Romans 8:37-39