**Homework Assignment 19: The Return and the Intertestamental Period**

Workbook pages 77-80

At the beginning of the book of Esther, King Ahasuerus (also called Xerxes) of Persia is publicly humiliated by his queen Vashti and has her banished as punishment. This is recorded in Esther 1.

*Read* ***Esther 2:1-18***

1. Esther was a Jew, yet she didn't tell anyone in the king's palace about her people or kindred. Why not?

2. Name one thing King Ahasuerus did for Esther after she spent the night with him.

*Read* ***Esther 3:1-15***

3. Why was Haman angry at Mordecai?

4. What did he seek to do to get revenge against Mordecai?

*Read* ***Esther 4:1-5:14***

5. Why was Esther afraid to approach the king?

6. What did Esther request of Mordecai and the Jews before she approached the king?

7. What did Haman's wife Zeresh suggest to Haman that cheered him up?

*Read* ***Esther 7:1-10***

8. Where was Haman executed?

*Read* ***Esther 8:1-17***

9. Who replaced Haman in the king's court after Haman was executed?

10. What did the king decree should be done for the Jews instead of executing them?

**Memory Work**

Daniel 3:17-18: "If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

Extra Credit: From now on, every memory quiz will have an extra credit opportunity in which you will be asked to write down the names of the books in a certain section of the Bible (e.g. the Books of Wisdom). Stay sharp on those Bible books, and it will serve you well this year and beyond!

**Books of the Bible**

Past students have found it helpful to learn the song at https://youtu.be/K9DodTRI3vU for this assignment  
(or just search for “Books of the Bible song” on Youtube)

**Old Testament**

Torah

Genesis (“GEN-eh-SIS”)

Exodus (“ECK-soh-DUS”)

Leviticus (“leh-VIH-tih-CUS”)

Numbers (“NUM-bers”)

Deuteronomy (“DOO-teh-RON-oh-ME”)

History

Joshua (“JAH-shoo-wah”)

Judges (“JUD-ges”)

Ruth (“Rooth”)

1 Samuel (“First SAM-yoo-el”)

2 Samuel (“Second SAM-yoo-el”)

1 Kings (“First Kings”)

2 Kings (“Second Kings”)

1 Chronicles (“First CRAH-nih-culls”)

2 Chronicles (“Second CRAH-nih-culls”)

Ezra (“EZZ-rah”)

Nehemiah (“NEE-heh-MY-ah”)

Esther (“ESS-ter”)

Wisdom

Job (“Jobe”)

Psalms (“Salmz”)

Proverbs (“PRAW-verbs”)

Ecclesiastes (“eh-KLEE-zee-ASS-tees”)

Song of Solomon (“Song of SAH-luh-MUN”)

Prophecy

Isaiah (“eye-ZAY-ah”)

Jeremiah (“jeh-reh-MY-ah”)

Lamentations (“la-men-TAY-shuns”)

Ezekiel (“ee-ZEE-kee-el”)

Daniel (“DAN-yel”)

Hosea (“ho-SAY-ah”)

Joel (“JOE-el”)

Amos (“A-muss”)

Obadiah

Jonah (“JOE-nah”)

Micah (“MY-cah”)

Nahum (“NAY-hum”)

Habakkuk (“ha-BACK-kuck”)

Zephaniah (“zeh-fan-EYE-ah”)

Haggai (“HAG-guy”)

Zechariah (“zeh-cah-RYE-ah”)

Malachi (“MAL-ah-kye”)

**New Testament**

Gospels & Acts

Matthew (“MATH-yew”)

Mark (“Mark.” Doesn’t get easier)

Luke (“Luke,” but not “Look”)

John (“Jon.” Optional ‘H’)

Acts (If you can’t pronounce

Pauline Epistles

Romans (“ROE-mans”)

1 Corinthians (“koh-RIN-thee-ans”)

2 Corinthians

Galatians (“gah-LAY-shuns”)

Ephesians (“ee-FEE-shuns”)

Philippians (“phil-LIP-pee-ans”)

Colossians (“koh-LAW-shuns”)

1 Thessalonians (“thess-ah-LONE-ee-ans”)

2 Thessalonians

1 Timothy (“TIM-oh-thee”)

2 Timothy

Titus (“TIE-tuss”)

Philemon (“fye-LEE-mon”)

General Epistles

Hebrews

James

1 Peter

2 Peter

1 John

2 John

3 John

Jude

Revelation