**HIDDEN...NOT HIDING**

**"Links in a Chain"**

**Esther 2:19-3:15**

***"God is omnipotently present even when God is conspicuously absent."***

**Time line:**

597 BC - First captives sent to Babylon

587 BC - Jerusalem falls to Babylon

538 BC - Persia defeats Babylon.

490 BC - Greeks defeat Persia (King Darius) at Marathon.

485 BC - Xerxes becomes Persian king

483 BC - Six month long summit in Susa

- 7 day "feast"/ Queen Vashti removed

480 BC - Battle of Thermopylae (the 300) - Attacks Greece

- Battle of Salamis and Greek victory

479 BC - Xerxes returns to Susa and the search for a new queen begins

* Esther crowned queen.

**Miraculous outcomes can come about through ordinary events**

**I. Who is speaking into your life?**

***Proverbs 13:20, "Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm."***

**II. God is at work making even life's greatest disappointments a link in a chain of good things yet to come.**