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**CHOSEN BIBLICAL Old Testament SCRIPTURE-**



This month's **coloured attachment** scripture is **ESTHER 9:22**

***"THEIR SORROW WAS TURNED INTO GLADNESS  
AND THEIR MOURNING INTO HAPPINESS"***

Faithfulness to God renews life. The glorious hope of restoration turns sadness into joy. God cares for His people with abounding love and He sustains them. **God restores those who commit themselves to Him.** He will judge those who stand against Him, while He will bless the faithful through the trials of life, illness, calamities, failure and any painful loss that causes sorrow.

Repentance often accompanies sorrow and mourning. Weeping and grief God changes. **God is close to those who grieve or mourn and He comforts them.** Happiness is found in God, rejoicing in His work and in His covenant faithfulness. It is good to celebrate the acts of God. Both God and His people experience the pleasure and joy.

**There is always joy in the heart of a believer because of the promises of salvation and deliverance into a peaceful Kingdom.** It is God's triumphant purposes that are celebrated, the defeat of His enemies and the deliverance of His people from them.

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**CHRIST AS SEEN IN THE BOOK OF ESTHER**



**Jesus is portrayed by Esther for the putting of self in the place of death for others and His work as Advocate.**



**BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE-** Did you know that the tower of Babel and its city was built for the intention to be a monument of human pride? The people were disobedient to God's instructions as He had commanded them to fill up the earth but they were seeking to avoid being scattered abroad. To bring the people's enormous task to an end, God confused their language and their projects could no longer be continued. Babel became known as Babylon (modern Iraq).

There is a Colouring In page of the Tower of Babel

at <http://www.tne.net.au/~abdaacts/babel.html>



**A JANUARY EVENT-** Amy Carmichael grew up in Belfast, and in 1886 she gave her life to Christ. The words "Go Ye" so impressed her that on **January 13, 1892**, she sailed to Japan. She left for Shanghai, then, to the dismay of family and friends, abruptly sailed for Ceylon, **but she decided on India.** There Amy was often criticized by fellow missionaries. But **children were drawn to her.** One day, she met a girl who had escaped from the Hindu temple with accounts of dismay. The Hindus were secretly using children as temple prostitutes. Parents sold baby girls to the temple, and when they were eight or nine, they "married" the idol and were forced into harlotry. Amy rescued several children, and was occasionally hauled into court for kidnapping, and death threats were common. By 1945, thousands had been placed in Amy's Fellowship, a

succession of homes for outcast children. **Many youngsters grew up becoming Christians.** During these years, she had written 35 books on her work in India and on the victorious Christian life.

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## MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED YEAR!!



God Bless.

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**Father God, Thank You for answered prayer, Your Faithfulness and Your Promises. We praise You for every Wondrous thing You do for us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.**

