

# Esther

66 Books in 52 Weeks

(A Book-by-Book Overview of the Bible)

## Summary & Structure

# ESTHER

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

17

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

10

TYPE

HISTORY



## OVERVIEW

The Book of Esther takes place following the end of the Great Exile, when the remnant of Judah is returning to Jerusalem. Its location is Susa, which would be modern Iran. King Xerxes unknowingly signs a decree containing the proposed genocide of all the Jews in Persia. Esther is chosen to deliver and protect her people from the danger.



WRITTEN  
450 BC



TIME PERIOD COVERED  
480-475 BC



AUTHOR  
Unknown scribe in the court of King Xerxes of Persia, Queen Esther's husband

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## Key Verse

*For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"*

Esther 4:14

## The Characters

Xerxes

Queen Vashti

Mordecai

Esther

Haman

## The Drama

The Great Banquet (Esther 1)

Who Wants to Marry an Emperor? (Esther 2)

Watch Your Back (Esther 2)

A Little Man in a Big Kingdom (Esther 3)

This is Your Time (Esther 4)

Can We Talk? (Esther 5)

A Sleepless Night (Esther 5-6)

How Humiliating (Esther 6)

Judgment Day (Esther 7)

A New Edict (Esther 8)

A Day of Triumph (Esther 9-10)

## The Lessons

The \_\_\_\_\_ is in the glove of human events.

God works in our lives even when The \_\_\_\_\_ .

God's plan will be accomplished even if The \_\_\_\_\_ .