

The Old Testament Book Of



A Woman for Such a Time as This!

Our Journey Through the Book of Esther!

The Text:

Esther 1:1-9!

The Title:

Introduction to the Book of Esther!

The Theme:

God's Providence & Sovereignty!

Encouragement to the Returning Jewish Exiles!

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The Text:

- 1. The book of Esther is the 17th book of the 39 books in the Old Testament.*
- 2. The book of Esther is found between the Old Testament books of Nehemiah and Job.*

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The Key Verse: Esther 4:14!

***For if you remain silent at this time,
relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from
another place and you and your father's house will
perish. And who knows whether you have not attained
royalty for such a time as this?***

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The Setting:

- 1. Esther is a dramatic story of intrigue, and danger, and deliverance that will take place during a ten year period of time (483 to 473bc) during the time of king Xerxes (Jewish name is Ahasuerus / 468 to 465bc / 21 years / Most powerful man on earth).***
- 2. The events in the story occurred between chapters 6 and 7 in the Old Testament book of Ezra.***

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- 3. The story of Esther is a story about a beautiful, brave, young, Jewish girl who will risk her life in order to save her people, Israel.***
 - a. Esther is only one of the two books written in the Bible that is named after a women. The other book (Old Testament) is Ruth.***
 - b. Esther is the only book in the Bible where the name of God does not appear. Yet God's hand of sovereignty and providence is clearly seen.***

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- 4. The setting of the book is during the time of captivity and in a land far away (Persia) from the land of promise. Yet in spite of the distance God will keep His promise to protect His people. And He will do it by raising up a beautiful young girl.***
- 5. The results of the events recorded in this book are still celebrated today in the annual Jewish Feast of Purim (lots).***

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Application:

*Though God at times seems invisible,
He is always invincible. The book of Esther
reminds us that the invisible God who at times
appears to be absent in the affairs of men is in
reality the invincible God who is working out His
best plan on behalf of His people.*

The Persian Empire

In those days King Ahasuerus reigned from India to Ethiopia over 127 provinces!



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The Outline of the Book of Esther: Threefold!

- I. (1:1-3:15) The **DANGER** to God's People.
- II. (4:1-5:14) The **DECISION** of God's Servant.
- III. (6:1-10:3) The **DELIVERANCE** by God.

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 - B. (2:1-20) The **Discovery** of Esther.
 - C. (2:21-23) The **Devotion** of Mordecai.
 - D. (3:1-15) The **Decree** of Haman.

1:1-22: The Divorce of Queen Vashti!
The Insubordination of the Queen



2:1-20: The Discovery of Esther!
The Inauguration of Queen Esther



*3:21-23: The Devotion of Mordecai!
The Intrigue in the King's Court*



3:1-15: The Decree of Haman!
The Evil Intentions of Haman



*1:1-22: The King's Banquet
and
The Divorce of Queen Vashti!*

