

# Esther – 10 Chapters

## Titles:

Esther- after one of the main characters

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## Occasion and Purpose:

To explain the origin of the feast of Purim. To give the account of God's sovereign rescue of His people when they were on the verge of being wiped out.

## Themes:

1. Poetic Justice
2. Providence

## Summary:

Story of intrigue and power, with good guys and bad guys. Esther gives the history of the Jewish people in exile in the Persian empire. They were almost killed off completely as a nation, but were saved by the courage of Esther and her uncle Mordecai

## Organization:

<b>Problem</b>	Queen Vashti deposed – 1:1-22	1:1-3:15
	Esther made queen – 2:1-23	
	Haman’s plot to kill the Jews – 3:1-15	
<b>Solution</b>	Esther’s courage – 4:1-5:8	4:1-9:17
	Haman’s humiliation – 5:9-6:14	
	Haman’s death – 7:1-10	
	Mordecai’s exaltation – 8:1-17	
	Jews’ revenge – 9:1-17	
<b>Celebration</b>	Feast of Purim – 9:18-32	9:18-10:3
	Mordecai’s position – 10:1-3	

## Key Verses:

4:12-16; 6:1-10