



Esther – 10 chapters

Titles:

Esther- after one of the main characters

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Occasion and Purpose:

To give the account of God's sovereign rescue of His people when they were on the verge of being wiped out. To demonstrate that God keeps His promises, no matter the opposition. This book explains the origin of the feast of Purim.

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:

Problem	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	
Solution	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	
Celebration	Feast of Purim – 9:18-32	9:18-10:3
	Mordecai’s position – 10:1-3	

Key Verses:

4:12-16; 6:1-10