

Presence Theater Church  
Bible Survey

**The Book of Esther**

**Meaning of book:** Hebrew: \_\_\_\_\_  
Greek: \_\_\_\_\_

**Who wrote it?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of writing:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Timing of events:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Key Term:** \_\_\_\_\_: This book is unique in that it does not directly mention \_\_\_\_\_. Yet one cannot understand the story apart from God's remarkable presence and providence with His people however invisible He may seem to be at times.

**Location of Events:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Book Outline:** Part 1 – The \_\_\_\_\_ to the Jews (Chaps. 1-4)  
a. The Selection of Esther as Queen  
b. The Formation of the Plot of Haman

Part 2 – The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jews (Chaps. 5-10)  
a. The Triumph of Mordecai over Haman  
b. The Triumph of Israel over Her Enemies  
c. Feast of Purim instituted (Esther 9:18-32)

**Summary in one sentence:** \_\_\_\_\_, a Jewish beauty selected by Persian king Ahasuerus to become his new queen, saved the Jews from \_\_\_\_\_ wicked plot, so her relative \_\_\_\_\_ established the yearly Jewish feast of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Summary in ten words or less:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Cast of Characters:** *Ahasuerus (Xerxes)* – king of \_\_\_\_\_; *Vashti* – Xerxes’ queen; loses her \_\_\_\_\_ after displeasing the king; *Hagai* – in charge of the king’s harem; is pleased with Esther and helps her; *Esther* – beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ adopted by Mordecai; becomes new queen; *Mordecai* – an \_\_\_\_\_ from Jerusalem living in Shushan; Esther’s cousin; *Haman* – raised up in power by Xerxes; plans to \_\_\_\_\_ the Jews

**Where is Christ?** Although the name of God is not mentioned in Esther, nowhere in Scripture is the care of God for His people more evident. Prior to His arrest, Jesus prayed, “While I was with them I was protecting them by Your name that You have given Me. I guarded them and not one of them is lost, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture may be fulfilled” (John 17:12).

**Verse to Remember:** “For if you remain \_\_\_\_\_ at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father’s house will \_\_\_\_\_. And who knows whether you have not attained \_\_\_\_\_ for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:14)

- Interesting Facts:**
- 1.) The story of Esther takes place in the Persian royal city of Shushan; now Shush, Iran.
  - 2.) The Book of Esther fits between the 6th and 7th chapters of Ezra, utilizing 10 of the 58 years during that gap, and somewhere in the 81 year period between the return led by Ezra and the one led by Zerubbabel.
  - 3.) The 75 foot high gallows constructed by Haman would be comparable to a 7 story building today.

**What is my take away?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Home Study:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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