

ESTHER DATES WITHIN

1	Xerxes' reign begins	486	—
2	Xerxes' banquet for nobles in which queen Vashti is deposed	483	1:1-9
3	Xerxes led disastrous campaign against Greece as recorded by the Greek historian Herodotus	482-479	—
4	Esther became queen	479	2:16
5	Haman & astrologers cast the pur (lot) to determine the day to exterminate the Jews (11 months later, 7 March)	474BC	3:7
6	Xerxes' 1st edict to destroy the Jews, informed everyone of the fateful day. Royal scribes wrote it out in various languages. [April 17]	474	3:12
7	Xerxes' 2nd edict to protect the Jews, was sent out 2 months and 10 days after the 1st edict. [June 25]	474	8:9
8	Instead of being destroyed on this day, Jews protected themselves by killing at least 75,810 enemies. [8 months and 20 days after counter-edict was signed] [Adar 14th]	473BC	8:12; 9:1,17
9	Jews feasted to celebrate their victory throughout the empire except in Susa where they killed their enemies one more day. [Today Jews, except in Jerusalem, celebrate Purim on Adar 14th]	473BC	9:17b -18a
10	Jews feasted in celebration of their victory in Susa. [Today Jews in Jerusalem celebrate Shushan Purim, Adar 15th]	473	9:18b
11	Palace at Susa destroyed by fire and Xerxes reign ended	465	—