


# BOOK OF ESTHER OUTLINE

FEASTS & JEWS THREATENED	MORDECAI HONORED / HAMAN HANGED	JEWS SAVED & FESTIVALS
<u>1:1 — 5:4</u>	<u>5:5 — 8:7</u>	<u>8:8 — 10:3</u>
Greatness of King Xerxes 1:1-4	Esther's 1st Banquet for King/Haman 5:5-8	Haman's Plot Foiled & Mordecai's Letters 8:8-14
Feasts of Kings & Queens 1:5-2:18	Words of Haman's Wife & Friends 5:9-14	Promotion of Mordecai 8:15-17
Mordecai Averts King's Death 2:19-23	Mordecai Honored by Haman 6:1-11	Mordecai & Esther Save Jews  9:1-19
Promotion of Haman 3:1-6	Words of Haman's Wife & Friends 6:12-14	Feasts Ordered by Mordecai & Esther 9:20-32
Haman's Plot & Letters 3:7-15	Esther's 2nd Banquet for King/Haman 7:1-8:2	Greatness of Mordecai 10:1-3
Mordecai & Esther Risky Appeal 4:1-5:4	Esther's Risky Appeal 8:3-7	

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**BACKGROUND NOTES**

- CHRIST IN ESTHER** Pictured in Esther, who was an advocate for her people, even willing to die for them.
- THEME** The sovereign providence of God's purposes through ordinary people and apparent coincidences.
- FAMOUS QUOTES** "Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (4:14)  
"And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!" (4:16)
- AUTHOR** Ezra / Nehemiah / Mordecai
- NAME** **Esther** is Persian for "star" — **Hadassah** is Hebrew for "myrtle" (2:7)

