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NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

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HISTORY



The Book of Esther takes place following the end of the Great Exile, when the remnant of Judah is returning to Jerusalem. Its location is Susa (Persia) which would be modern Iran. The king unknowingly signs a decree containing the proposed genocide of all the Jews in Persia. Esther is chosen to deliver and protect her people from the danger.







Unknown scribe in the court of the King of Persia, Queen Esther's husband

ESTHER BECOMES QUEEN

THE PLOT OF THE JEWISH GENOCIDE

ESTHER 3

ESTHER AGREES TO HELP HER PEOPLE

TWO BANQUETS
AND A TWIST

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HAMAN EXECUTED 6 1

THE DAMAGES REVERSED

ESTHER 1—2

king's favor and

becomes queen.

Queen Vashti loses favor by her A manipulative royal disobedience to the official, Haman, is king, and is stripped outraged when of her title. The king Mordecai refuses to decides to choose a bow down to him. As a new queen from the result. Haman women in his manipulates the king into agreeing to a kingdom. Esther is genocide of all Jews, presented by her not just Mordecai. guardian Mordecai, and she wins the

ESTHER 4

Mordecai pleads for Esther's help in saving the Jews. After requesting the Jews to pray and fast with her for three days. Esther decides to present herself to the king. Her husband often put people to death for annovances, and she knew she was risking her life by approaching him without being summoned.

ESTHER 5-6

Esther flatters the king
by inviting him and
Haman to two
banquets she
prepares. After the
first banquet, the King
is unable to sleep and
reads the records of
Mordecai's past
heroics. He
unwittingly tells
Haman to honor him.

ESTHER 7

Haman plans a public execution for Mordecai. Esther alerts the King to Haman's plot at her second banquet, and Haman is killed instead. Both the king and Mordecai write documents that prevent the genocide of the Jews. Mordecai becomes second in command under the king.

ESTHER 8—10