

# Ester—the Queen

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I. Introduction.

A. Whenever you merge with the world, it is not long until you become part of a godless society.

II. Introduction to Esther.

A. Esther records the attempt of Haman to rid the world of the Jews. (Genesis 12:2-3)

B. God is not mentioned in Esther, but his providence is at work in the background. (Genesis 50:20, Psalm 76:10, Romans 8:28)

III. Outlining Esther.

A. The rise of Esther.

1. Haman hatched a plot to execute the Jews because they refused to bow to other gods.
2. Mordecai encouraged Esther to stay in the courts because of influence she could have on the king.
3. Just like Esther we have been prepared for such a time as this to stand up against wrong.

B. The lies of Haman.

C. The prize of Esther.

1. Haman was hanged and Esther was given the estate.
2. America can be turned around if we see that we have been prepared for such a time as this.

**Application questions:**

1. How is God present in the book of Esther?

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2. What was significant about Esther’s circumstances for Jewish history?

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3. What is significant about your own circumstances for the contribution you can make to those around you? Explain.

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