

Interesting Facts About Esther

MEANING: Esther means “Star.”

- Her name was Hadassah, meaning “Myrtle.” 2:7
- Her Persian name was Esther, derived from the Persian word for “Star.”

AUTHOR: Unknown

TIME WRITTEN: Probably between 464 B.C. and 435 B.C.

POSITION IN THE BIBLE:

- 17th Book in the Bible
- 17th Book in the Old Testament
- 12th of 12 books of History (Joshua - Esther)
- 49 Books to follow it.



CHAPTERS: 10

VERSES: 167

WORDS: 5,637

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT ESTHER:

- Not one time does the name of God appear in the Book of Esther.
- The providence of God is abundant throughout the book.
- The chronological span for the Book of Esther is about 10 years.
- Esther is addressed to the multitudes of Jews who did not return to Judea. They remained in voluntary exile.
- The providence of God is abundant throughout the book.
 - He ensures that Mordecai’s deeds are recorded in the palace records.
 - He guides Esther’s admission to the King’s court.
 - He guides the timing of Esther’s two feasts.
 - He is involved in Ahasuerus’s insomnia and the cure he uses of it.
 - He sees that Haman’s fallows will be used in an unexpected way.

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- He gives Esther great favor in the sight of the king.
- He brings about the new decree.
- He brings about the victory of the Jews.

- 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.
- The Book of Esther provides the only Biblical portrait of the majority of the Jews who remain in Persia rather than return to Judea.
- The 75 foot high gallows constructed by Haman would be comparable to a 7j story building today.
- The Jewish Feast of Purim (“puru” from the Assyrian word meaning “lot”) was begun to remember the deliverance of the Jews from the destruction planned by Haman.

“Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

Esther 4:14

