

# The Book of Esther

## Introduction to Chapter 11

### **Author and Date**

What is the origin of the Book of Esther?

### **Title**

Who is the book named after?

### **Place in the Canon**

Where is the Book of Esther located in the Jewish and Christian canon?

### **Structure**

What is the structure of the Book of Esther?

### **Literary Background**

What is the literary background of the Book of Esther?

### **Literary Genre**

Is the Book of Esther read as history or as historical fiction?

### **Content and Themes**

Where does the story of the Book of Esther take place and who are the characters?

### **Christian Perspective**

Is the Book of Esther quoted in the New Testament?

(Read 11:2-4) Who is Mordecai? (Note 11:2)

Where is Susa located? (Note 11:3)

What is the content of Mordecai's dream? (Note 11:4)

(Read 12:1) What is a eunuch? (Note 12:1)

How large was the Persian empire? (Note 1:1)

(Read 1:3) Where is Media located? (Note 1:3)

(Read 1:10-12) Why did queen Vashti refuse to appear before the king? (Note 1:12)

Who replaces queen Vashti? (Note 2:1-18)

What is the process for the selection of the new queen? (Note 2:12) (Note 2:14)

(Read 2:19-23) How were condemned hanged in Persia? (Note 2:23)

(Read 3:1) Who is Haman? (Note 3:1)

(Read 3:2) Why didn't Mordecai bow? (Note 3:2)

(Read 3:3-11) How does Haman respond to Mordecai's disobedience? (Note 3:6) (Note 3:8)

Does Esther intercede for her people? (Note 4:1-7)

(Read 4:10-17) How does Esther approach the king? (Note 4:11) (Note 4:16)

What are the components of Esther's prayer? (Note 14:1-19) (Note 14:6)

Is Esther successful in persuading the king? (Note 15:6, 7, 8)

(Read 6:14-7:10) How does it go for Haman? (Note 7:1-10) (Note 7:8) (Note 7:10)

(Read 16:10) Who are the Macedonians? (Note 16:10)

What happened on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of Adar? (Note 9:1-15)

How is the feast of Purim celebrated today? (Note 9:16-28)

What does Purim mean? (Word Study page 88)