

A Royal Mess

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Esther 1-2

I. Why Study Esther?

A. It is part of God' word B. It offers hope C. It gives bible perspective on the providence of God

II. The Uniqueness of Esther

A. The total absence of any reference to God B. The title bears a womans name C. The God ordained emphasis on human responsibilitiy

III. Comparison of Esther to other books in the bible

A. Exodus

Both exodus and Esther's describe a powerful person working to destroy the Israelites

B. Ruth

Both have woman who marry into Gods plan

C. Nehemiah

Esther occurs 30 years before Nehemiah . Esther and Nehemiah happened in the same place

D. 1 Samuel

The king that Saul was supposed to kill was Agag. Hanna was a descendent if agag and his plan to kill the Jews was to get revenge in the Jews.

IV. 5 Main Characters

A. A king named Ahasuerues/Xerxes B. A queen named Vashti C. A wicked officer named Haman D. A Jew named Mordecai E. A woman named Esther.