




## Esther

 THEME VERSE: "... And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14

**Author** Unknown

**Dates** Approximately 483 - 471 B.C.  
(Esther became queen in 479 B.C.)

**Written** To the Jewish people to record the origins of the Feast of Lots, or Purim.

**Synopsis** The book is named for a young Jewish girl named Hadassah who was taken from her guardian, Mordecai, and forced to compete for the affection of the king. This unlikely contestant for beauty pageant was crowned queen of Persia and renamed Esther, meaning "star." Haman, a high official of the king, plots to destroy all the Jews in the kingdom, but Mordecai hears of the plot and reports it to Esther. Esther outwits Haman and takes her petition to the king and pleads for the protection of her Jewish people.

**Themes** God's sovereignty  
God's deliverance

**Lessons** Lesson 1: God Has A Plan For You! (Esther 1-2)  
Lesson 2: Right Place At The Right Time (Esther 3-4)  
Lesson 3: Live For God, Not For Man (Esther 5-6)  
Lesson 4: Be Confident - God Is In Control! (Esther 7-8)  
Lesson 5: Courage Is Choosing Faith Over Fear (Esther 9-10)