

**A Church of One Book  
Reading Plan for May 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>- Esther 1-2

Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>- Esther 3

Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>- Esther 4-5

Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>- Esther 6

Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>- Esther 7

Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>- Esther 8

Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>- Esther 9-10



# ESTHER

**1-2 KING OF PERSIA'S GREATNESS**

BRING ME THE WINE I WANT TO DRINK  
LET ALL MEN BE MARRIED TO ME  
DEGREE

ESTHER BECOMES QUEEN & MORDECAI SAVES THE KING

**19-10 MORDECAI'S GREATNESS**

2 FAST DAYS TURIM  
COMMEMORATES THE JEWS' DELIVERANCE FROM DESTRUCTION

QUEEN & MORDECAI SAVE THE JEWS & HANAN'S SONS

**100 YEARS AFTER BABYLONIAN EXILE**

**SUSA = PERSIAN CAPITAL**

**MORDECAI** (JEWISH COMMUNITY)

**HADASSAH (ESTHER)**

**HAMAN**

**3A HAMAN ELEVATED**

AGAGITE = CANANITE

**CURIOUS FACT:**

- GOD IS NEVER MENTIONED
- INVITATION TO LOOK FOR GOD'S ACTIVITY
- "COINCIDENCE" & IRONIC REVERSAL

**MORAL AMBIGUITY:**

- A LOT OF DRINKING, SEX AND MURDER
- VIOLATION OF **TORAH** COMMANDS

**THE POINT:**

DESPITE EXILE, GOD'S ABSENCE AND ISRAEL'S MORAL COMPROMISE, GOD HAS NOT ABANDONED HIS PROMISES

**8C MORDECAI ELEVATED**

**3B HAMAN'S DECREE TO KILL THE JEWS**

ROLLS THE DICE

13<sup>th</sup> OF ADAR

ALL JEWS CAN DEFEND THEMSELVES AND DEFEAT THEIR ENEMIES!

BANQUET

**4 ESTHER & MORDECAI PLAN TO REVERSE THE DECREE**

DELIVERANCE MUST COME FROM SOMEWHERE

PERHAPS YOU'VE BECOME QUEEN FOR THIS MOMENT

IF I PERISH, I PERISH

**5 ESTHER'S 1ST BANQUET**

PLEASE COME TO MY BANQUET TOMORROW!

IMMEDIATELY RETE

**6 THE STORY PIVOTS**

MORDECAI FORGOT! LET MORDECAI BE PRAISED!

**7 ESTHER'S 2ND BANQUET**

HAMAN'S PLOTTED TO KILL THE JEWS

WHAT??

WHAT??

IMMEDIATELY AFTER

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