

# Esther

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## Context

Time: After the return of the first wave of exiles but before Ezra's return.

Location: Susa, Persia's capital, where some Jews still live in exile.

## Key Themes

- God Protects His People
- God Will Judge Those Who are Wicked
- God Works Through Circumstances
- God Will Save His People

## Summary

God Used Esther for the Sake of Saving His People

- Esther listened to her cousin when he informed her how to present herself to the king.
- Esther spoke to the King without being called to enter the court after becoming queen.

*"Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish."*

Esther 4:16

- Esther revealed Haman's plot to kill her uncle and the Jews. (7:6)
- Esther was brave enough to plead with the King to save the Jews. (8:3)

## Takeaways

- God is at work, even when we can't see it.
- God's people are called to be faithful with the opportunities they can see.
- God is the one who empowers his people to be obedient.