

# Esther

## Theme: The Recognizable Providence of God

### Weekly Reading Schedule

- Sunday - Ezra 1-6
- Monday - Ezra 7-10
- Tuesday - Neh. 1- 6
- Wednesday- Neh. 7-9
- Thursday - Neh. 10-13
- Friday - Esther 1-5
- Saturday - Esther 6-10

### Memory Verses:

- ★ Esther 2:17
- ★ Esther 2:23
- ★ Esther 4:14
- ★ Esther 8:17
- ★ Your Choice:
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### Interesting Facts

- ❖ Authorship has been attributed to Mordecai by Ibn Ezra and a few others but is more likely unknown.
- ❖ The book is one of five “Megillah” scrolls in the Hebrew Bible with Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, and Ecclesiastes.
- ❖ It is the last in this division possibly because Purim is the last feast of the Jewish calendar.
- ❖ It’s popularity may be why Jews call it “The Megillsh.”
- ❖ Esther has 10 chapters, 167 verses, 5633 words and can be read in about 30 minutes

### Memorable Outline of Esther

- I. Esther Elevated to Queen of Persia (1-2)
- II. The Feud between Haman and Mordecai (3-8)
- III. The Jews Day of Vengeance (9:1-19)
- IV. Institution of the Feast of Purim (9:20-10)

### Scheme of Redemption The Providence of God in Redemption

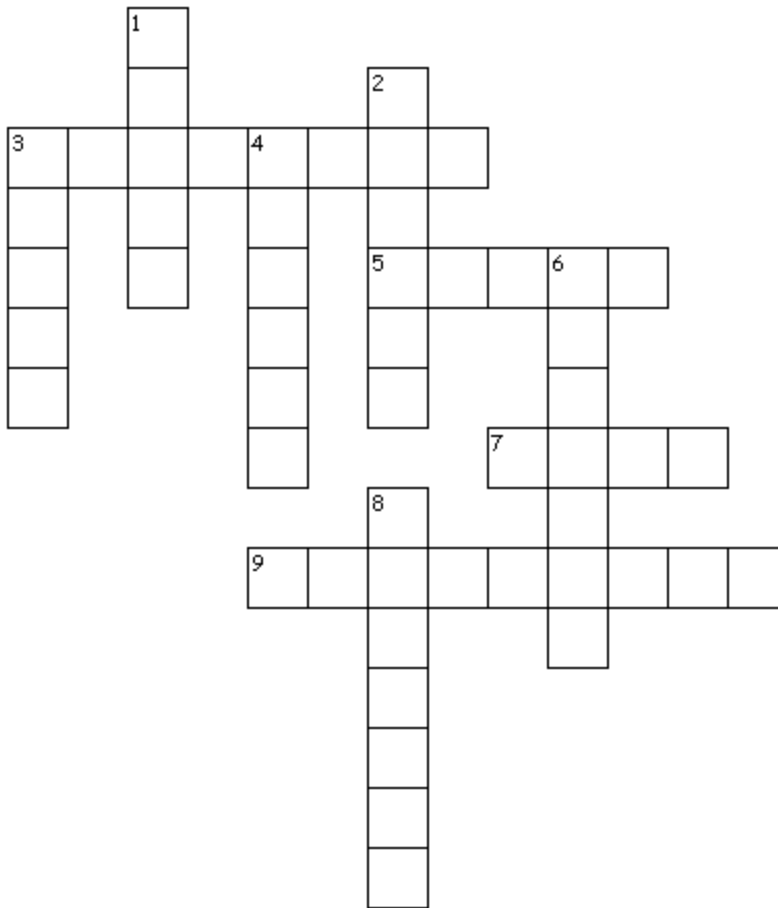
“For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, the shall thee enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father’s house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this? (4:14)

### What to look for as you read:

1. The character of Esther
2. The character of Mordecai
3. The contrast of character in Haman
4. The careful eye of God over His people subjugated in a foreign land

### Notes

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## Across

3. Uncle who was like a father to Esther
5. The ambitious prince among the Persians who despised Mordecai
7. The position Mordecai was in relation to the King
9. King of Persia

## Down

1. The feast established by the Jews in celebration of their deliverance
2. Queen of Persia who refused to be displayed by the King for her beauty
3. Oil used for six months of the twelve months of purifying the maids before the King
4. Beautiful Jewish maiden who replaced Vashti
6. Laws of the Medes and Persians could not be \_\_\_\_\_.
8. So they hanged Haman on the \_\_\_\_\_ he had prepared for Mordecai