

## The Book of Esther

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Questions to consider:

1. What is the name that is found most in the book and why?
2. What is the name that curiously never appears and why?
3. Why is it important, at the end of Ch. 3, that Mordechai discovers the plot to kill the king? (2:21-23)
4. Why does Haman despise the Jews so fiercely that he wants to kill them all? (3:1-6)
5. Why does the king remove his ring and give it to Haman? (3:8-11) and then to Mordechai. (8:2)
6. Why does the king refuse to have any visitors, on pain of death, including Esther herself? (4:10)
7. How did Mordechai convince Esther to come before the king? (4:14)
8. Why does the king hold out the golden scepter for Esther? (5:1-2)
9. Why does she invite the king and Haman to a private dinner? (5:6-7)
10. Why does the king have trouble sleeping at night and what does he do to help him to sleep? (6:1-4)
11. What is it exactly that happens at Esther's second banquet? (7:2-8)
12. What is the meaning of the name Esther and how does it relate to the story?
13. What is the meaning of the word Purim and how does it relate to the story?