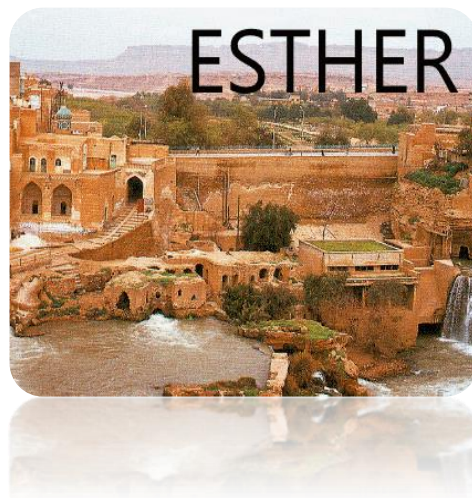


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The author of this book is unknown, but the content is definitely one of Jewish nationalism. The historical setting is: Persia of a 10 year period – 483-473bc during the reign of Xerxes (Greek) Ahasuerus (Hebrew). The name of God is not mentioned in this book, while His Sovereignty is apparent in each chapter. It was Herodotus who wrote Xerxes sought consolation in his harem after his defeat at Salamis, which is when Esther became queen.



The appeal of Mordicai to Esther

1 When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried out loudly and bitterly;

2 And he went to the gate of the king: for no one was to enter the king's gate clothed in sackcloth.

3 And in each and every province, where the instruction and decree of the king came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

4 Then the maids and eunuchs of Esther came and told her, and the queen was exceedingly grieved. She sent garments to clothe Mordecai, that he remove his sackcloth from him: but he did not accept them.

5 Then Esther summonsed Hathach from the eunuchs of the king, whom he had appointed to attend her, and instructed hie to go to Mordecai, to learn what and why this was.

6 So Hathach went out to Mordecai to the city square, in front of the gate of the king.

7 And Mordecai told him of all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for to destroy the Jewish people.

8 He also gave him the copy of the edict that was issued at Susa for their destruction, to show Esther, to inform her, and to order her to go in to the king, to appeal to him, and to plead with him for her people.

9 And Hathach came back, and told Esther the words of Mordecai.

10 Then Esther spoke to Hathach, and gave him instruction replying to Mordecai;

11 All the servants of the king, and the people of the provinces of the king know, that any man or women, who comes to the king into the inner court, who is not summonsed, he has

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one law, he is to be put to death, unless the king holds out to him the golden scepter, that he may live. And I have not been summoned to come to the king these thirty days.

¹² And they told Esther's words to Mordecai.

¹³ Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, Do not imagine that you, yourself in the palace of the king, will escape any more than all the Jews.

¹⁴ For if you remain silent at this time, then relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place; but you and the house of your father will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

¹⁵ Then Esther told them return Mordecai with this reply,

¹⁶ Go, assemble all the Jews who are present in Susa, and fast for me, do not eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast in the same way; and so I will go in to the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.

¹⁷ So Mordecai went, and did according to all that Esther instructed him.

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