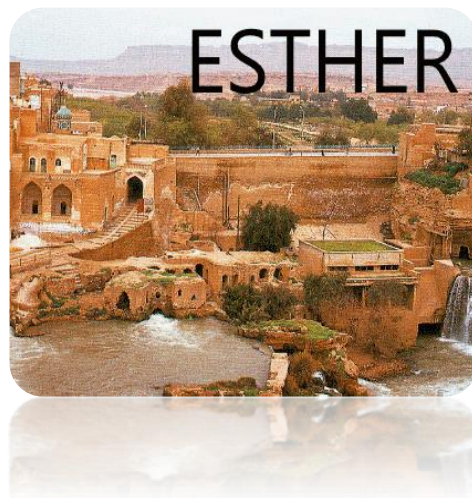


# ESTHER 5 vs 1

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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.



Esther's audience with the King

**<sup>1</sup> Now it happened on the third day, that Esther put on her royal robes, and stood in the inner court of the palace of the king, in front of the king's rooms: and the king was sitting on his royal throne in the royal throne room, opposite the entrance to the palace.**

**<sup>2</sup> And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, she obtained favor in his sight: and the king extended to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. So Esther approached, and touched the top of the scepter.**

**<sup>3</sup> Then the king said to her, What troubles you, Queen Esther? And what is your request? Even to half of the kingdom it will be given you.**

**<sup>4</sup> And Esther answered, If it pleases the king, may the king and Haman come this day to the banquet that I have prepared for him.**

**<sup>5</sup> Then the king said, Bring Haman quickly, that we may do as Esther desires. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared.**

**<sup>6</sup> And as they drank their wine at the banquet, the king asked Esther, What is your petition? for it will be granted you. What is your request? To the half of the kingdom it will be done.**

**<sup>7</sup> Then Esther answered and said, My petition and my request is:**

**<sup>8</sup> If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my petition, and do my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I will prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do as the king says.**

Haman's pride, leads to Haman's fall

**<sup>9</sup> Then Haman went out that joyful day with a glad heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he did not stand up or tremble before him, he was filled with anger against Mordecai.**

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**10 Yet Haman refrained himself: and when he went to his house, he sent for his friends, and his wife Zeresh.**

**11 And Haman recounted to them of the glory of his riches, and the number of his children, and all the events where the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king.**

**12 Haman also said, Yes, Queen Esther let no one but me come with the king to the banquet she had prepared; and tomorrow I am also invited by her with the king.**

**13 Yet all this avails me nothing, when I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate / why this one person who would not bow to the elite politician; next we see govt overkill.**

**14 Then Zeresh his wife and all his friends said to him, Have a gallows fifty cubits high be made, and in the morning ask the king to have Mordecai hanged on it: then go merrily with the king to the banquet. And the advice pleased Haman and he had the gallows made.** / why; gallows 75 feet high... when you're just as dead at 7 feet; typical govt arrogance. Sounds like D.C. Someone needs to drain the swamp. Stay tuned.

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