

Esther

True-False

Look at the underlined word to determine if the statement is true or false. If the statement is true, write *true* in the blank. If the statement is false, write *false* in the blank.

- _____ 1. Haman wanted to kill Mordecai because Mordecai refused to bow down to him.
- _____ 2. Haman was rewarded for saving the king's life.
- _____ 3. Mordecai sent a message to Esther that she should ask the king to save the lives of the Jews.
- _____ 4. Mordecai, Esther, and their friends fasted ten days and nights.
- _____ 5. Esther risked her life by going before the king when he had not sent for her.
- _____ 6. Esther invited the king and Haman to three banquets.
- _____ 7. Haman had to lead Mordecai through the city and proclaim that he was being honored by the king.
- _____ 8. Although the name of God is not mentioned in the book of Esther, the book tells of God's protection for His people.

Discuss: Explain why the false answers are incorrect statements.



Short Answer

Read each question carefully, and write your answer in the blank.

1. How did Haman trick King Ahasuerus into sending out a decree to kill all the Jews?



2. What should King Ahasuerus have done before allowing the decree to be sent out?

3. How did Esther show wisdom when she went before the king?

4. How did Esther know she was permitted to approach the king with her request?

5. What was Haman's reaction when he was invited to the Queen's banquet?

6. What caused Haman to become unhappy after he received his invitation?

7. What did Haman plan to do to Mordecai?

8. What was Haman required to do instead?

9. Look up Proverbs 16:18 and fill in the missing words.

“Pride goeth before _____, and an _____ spirit before a _____.”

In the story of Esther, who is best described by this verse? _____



Discussion/Application

1. King Ahasuerus made a bad decision when he listened to Haman. What if a friend came to you and asked you to do something that you were not sure was right? How could you avoid doing the wrong thing?
2. What do you think Mordecai meant when he told Esther, “Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”
3. How were Mordecai and Haman alike?
4. How were Mordecai and Haman different?
5. Even though the name of God is not mentioned in the book of Esther, how do we see Him working?
6. What was your favorite part from the life of Esther and what did you learn from it?

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Something to Think About

1. Esther learned to obey at an early age. Because of this, God was able to use her to save a nation. Think about how different the story would have been if she had not obeyed Mordecai. Even though Esther did not always understand what was happening, she trusted God and obeyed Mordecai. Esther also asked the people to pray. Through prayer, God gave Esther wisdom and prepared the king to hear Esther's request. Proverbs 21:1 says, "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will." God worked in the heart of the king to make a favorable decision for the Jews.
2. God may call you to serve in government someday. Would you be willing to serve? Would you want Christians to pray for you?
3. Why not pray for a government official each day? Here are some ideas of those you could pray for. Can you add to the list? president, vice president, supreme court justices, governor, mayor

Words to Live By

What does God's Word tell us about our authority? Look up 1 Timothy 2:1–2. Explain those verses in your own words.
