

ESTHER

2480. Esther 1:1 King Ahasuerus of Persia ruled one hundred twenty-seven provinces from India to Ethiopia (the whole known civilized world then).
2481. Esther 1:2-4 King Ahasuerus is on his throne at Shushan; on the third year he calls all of the Princes of provinces to show off his kingdom with a celebration, which is to last for one hundred eighty days.
2482. Esther 1:5-8 They all have a seven-day feast in the royal garden; they drink from golden vessels.
2483. Esther 1:9 King Ahasuerus' wife, Queen Vashti, has a feast for women in the royal house.
2484. Esther 1:10-12 King Ahasuerus is drunk and sends for Queen Vashti to show her beauty off to his princes; she refuses to come before them.
2485. Esther 1:13-22 Prince Memucan suggests that King Ahasuerus exile Queen Vashti to send a message of obedience to other queens.
2486. Esther 2:1-4 A decree is sent out to gather fair young virgins from the kingdom from which to choose a queen to replace Queen Vashti.
2487. Esther 2:5-7 Mordecai, a Jewish captive from Judah had raised one of these fair young virgins, Hadassah (Esther), his first cousin; her parents were dead.
2488. Esther 2:8-9 Esther is chosen to replace Queen Vashti and placed in the custody of Hegai, keeper of women; he favored her.
2489. Esther 2:10-11 Esther kept her Jewish race secret; Mordecai stayed near the outside of the city gate to know of her welfare.

2490. Esther 2:12-14 The virgins are purified for twelve months, then have one night with the king, and if not chosen queen, return to the concubine court.
2491. Esther 2:15-20 Esther goes in to King Ahasuerus; he loves her most and makes her queen.
2492. Esther 2:21-23 Mordecai, at the king's gate, hears of a plot to kill him; he reports the plot to Esther and the king and the plotters are executed.
2493. Esther 3:1-4 Haman, King Ahasuerus' Captain of the Guard, made higher than the princes, becomes angry because Mordecai refuses to bow before him when he passes by, entering the gate.
2494. Esther 3:5-6 Haman is angry and wants to execute Mordecai and all of the Jews in the kingdom.
2495. Esther 3:7-11 Haman reports that the Jews are enemies of the kingdom and has King Ahasuerus sign a "Death Proclamation of Jews" for money.
2496. Esther 3:12-15 The proclamation is sent to every province of the kingdom that all Jews are to be executed on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month.
2497. Esther 4:1-5 Mordecai and all Jews of the kingdom are in sackcloth and ashes, wailing; word comes to Queen Esther.
2498. Esther 4:6-9 Queen Esther's chamberlain, Hatach is sent to inquire of Mordecai's problem; he sends word back to her that she must go to the king.
2499. Esther 4:10-14 Esther tells Mordecai she will die going before the king if he does not hold out his golden sceptre to her; Mordecai tells her that she will die anyway, being a Jew, unless the king intervenes.
2500. Esther 4:15-17 Esther tells Mordecai to have all Jews fast and pray for three days and she will go to the king.

2501. Esther 5:1-8 Queen Esther, in royal apparel, goes to the king; he calls her in and she requests that she be allowed go give a banquet for Haman.
2502. Esther 5:9-13 Haman brags to his friends and wife, Zeresh, of his high profile before Queen Esther and King Ahasuerus.
2503. Esther 5:14 Haman's wife suggests that he build a gallows to hang Mordecai upon.
2504. Esther 6:1-3 King Ahasuerus has a sleepless night and calls for the kingdom chronicles to read; he reads of Mordecai saving his life.
2505. Esther 6:4-9 The king asks Haman what honors should be given to honor a great man of the kingdom; Haman says the recipient should wear the king's apparel and be led through the city riding the king's horse, thinking that it would be him that was honored.
2506. Esther 6:10-11 King Ahasuerus tells Haman to dress Mordecai in the royal apparel and lead him on the king's horse through the streets.
2507. Esther 6:12-14 Haman rushes home, tells his wife and friends what has happened and that he is doomed; the queen's chamberlains come for him.
2508. Esther 7:1-6 King Ahasuerus, Haman, and Queen Esther attend her banquet; Queen Esther accuses Haman of his plot to murder all of the Jews in the kingdom.
2509. Esther 7:7-10 King Ahasuerus goes into a rage, walks out of the room; Haman goes to Queen Esther's bed where she is lying, lies on the bed to beg her for his life, the king comes back in and sees him; the gallows is mentioned and the king orders that Haman be hanged on it.
2510. Esther 8:1-2 King Ahasuerus gives Haman's home to Esther and his ring to Mordecai.

2511. Esther 8:3-10 Queen Esther asks for the countermanding of the death order, the king does so, and Mordecai seals the order with his ring.
2512. Esther 8:11-17 The order is reversed, the perpetrators become the target, and many become Jews for safety.
2513. Esther 9:1-19 On the twelfth month, the thirteenth and fourteenth days, the Jews of the kingdom kill seventy-six thousand, three hundred of the enemy in Shushan and throughout the one hundred twenty-seven provinces.
2514. Esther 9:20-32 The “Purim Holidays” are established (Pur = “cast lots”) for the Jews’ rescue in exile.
2515. Esther 10:1-3 Mordecai is advanced by King Ahasuerus and becomes second in power in the world.