

The Salvation Army  
Grays Harbor Corps  
Bible Study – April 11, 2017

Key players: Ahasuerus, king of Persia [1:2]; Haman, Persian prime minister [3:1]; Mordecai, Jewish captive [2:5]; Hadassah, his orphaned cousin [2:7,15].

### **Esther Chapter 3**

Why didn't Mordecai bow down before Haman? [2]

How did Haman react? [5] How did Haman choose to punish Mordecai? [6]

What plan was conceived to punish Mordecai's rebellion? [13] When it was made public how was it received in the capital city? [15]

### **Esther Chapter 4**

What was the reaction to the king's edict when it was read in the provinces? [3]

Why was the queen upset? How did she try to fix the problem? [4]

Esther apparently knew nothing of the crisis. What proposal did Mordecai make to her to try to resolve the crisis? [7-8]

Esther objects: "Are you trying to get me killed?" How did Mordecai persuade her? [14] What were Esther's last words?

### **Esther Chapter 9**

What became of the mourning, cowering Mordecai? [1-4]

Describe the one-day Persian-Jewish war that took place on the 13th day of the 12th month. When King Ahasuerus heard about how many Persians had been killed what did he say to Esther? [12]

Why did the queen want to extend the war? [13]

What did the Jews do when the war was over? [17] Who established the holiday called Purim? [32] *And they all lived happily ever after.*

Next week: Job chapters 19, 31, 40:1-14 and 42