

OUTLINE OF ESTHER

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3B Haman plots to exterminate the Jews chap 3

4B Mordecai plans for Israel's deliverance chap 4

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2A THE CRISIS AVERTED chap 6-10

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3B The decree is reversed chap 8

4B Vengeance is achieved and Purim is instituted chap 9

5B Mordecai's fame and greatness chap 10

THEME: The providence of God in the protection of His people from those who are determined to destroy them.

Key Verse: Esther 4:13-14 Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, *then* shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?