ESTHER

1-2 KING OF PERSIA'S GREATNESS

BRING ME VASHTI!!!

DECREE LET ALL MEN BE MASTERS OF THEIR HOMES

ESTHER BECOMES QUEEN & MORDECAI SAVES THE KING

LET'S MURDER THE KING.

100 YEARS AFTER BABYLONIAN EXILE

SUSA = PERSIAN CAPITAL

MORDECAI

HADASSAH (ESTHER)

JEWISH COMMUNITY

KING of PERSIA

HAMAN

3A HAMAN ELEVATED

AGAGITE = CANAANITE

CURIOUS FACT:

- GOD IS NEVER MENTIONED
- INVITATION TO LOOK FOR GOD'S ACTIVITY
- "COINCIDENCE" & IRONIC REVERSAL

MORAL AMBIGUITY:

- A LOT OF DRINKING, SEX AND MURDER
- VIOLATION OF TORAH COMMANDS

THE POINT:

DESPITE EXILE, "GOD'S ABSENCE," AND ISRAEL'S MORAL COMPROMISE, GOD HAS NOT ABANDONED HIS PROMISES

9-10 MORDECAI'S GREATNESS

DECREE

2 FEAST DAYS PURIM

COMMEMORATES THE JEWS' DELIVERANCE FROM DESTRUCTION

QUEEN & MORDECAI SAVE THE JEWS

ENEMIES & HAMAN'S SONS

8C MORDECAI ELEVATED

3B HAMAN'S DECREE TO KILL THE JEWS

ROLLS THE DICE

PUR

13TH OF ADAR

BANQUET

4 ESTHER & MORDECAI PLAN TO REVERSE THE DECREE

DELIVERANCE MUST COME FROM SOMEWHERE.

PERHAPS YOU'VE BECOME QUEEN FOR THIS MOMENT.

IF I PERISH, I PERISH

5 ESTHER'S 1ST BANQUET

PLEASE COME TO MY BANQUET TOMORROW!

IMMEDIATELY AFTER

6 THE STORY PIVOTS

MORDECAI— I FORGOT!

LET MORDECAI BE PRAISED!

8A ESTHER & MORDECAI PLAN TO REVERSE THE DECREE

7 ESTHER'S 2ND BANQUET

HAMAN'S PLOTTED TO KILL THE JEWS!

WAIT!!

WHAT?!

IMMEDIATELY AFTER

8B MORDECAI'S DECREE TO SAVE THE JEWS

13TH OF ADAR

ALL JEWS CAN DEFEND THEMSELVES AND DESTROY THEIR ENEMIES!

BANQUET

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