

Thematic Structure of The Book of Esther

1. The Removal of Queen Vashti (1)
2. The Installation of Queen Esther (2)
3. The Plot Against Israel (3)
4. The Courage of Esther (4)
5. The Wisdom of Esther (5)
6. The Downfall of Israel's Enemy (6–7)
7. The Salvation of Israel (8–9)
8. The Blessing upon Israel (10)

Main Theme:

The book of Esther reveals God's providential protection in Babylon.

Major Themes

- A. Courage
- B. Divine Providence
- C. God's Love for His People

Key Text

Esther 4:15–16

¹⁵ *Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai,* ¹⁶ *“Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish.”*