

# THE STORY

Esther was an orphan and an exile

Esther 2:7

Haman rolled the dice

Esther 3:7

Esther's time had come

Esther 4:13-14

Esther leads in prayer

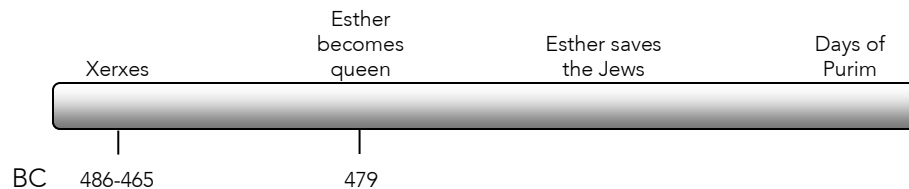
Esther 4:16

Haman gambled and lost

Esther 7:10

God delivers His people

Esther 9:20-22



## Questions for the Week

**Big Idea:** God is near, present and working...  
even when we can't see him.

**Key Verse:** Esther 4:14

For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?

What does Esther teach us about God's work behind the scenes of history?

How did Mordecai respond when faced with disaster?

What drives a person like Haman and how have you had to negotiate a relationship with a person of similar motivations? What advice would you give a Christian who is forced to work, live, and exist around a Haman-like personality?

What character qualities do you observe in Queen Esther?

Eventually a great and radical reversal happened between Haman and Mordecai (Esther 5-7). How do you see God's hand at work bringing his Upper Story plan into the Lower Story of Haman's plots and schemes?

When was the last time you faced a threatening situation?  
What was your reaction?

In what ways have you experienced God's faithfulness in your life?

What steps can you take to show you trust the faithfulness of God?

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