

Prayer Revolution Bible Institute
BE 435 Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther

Exam 3 (Final)

Esther

INSTRUCTIONS

- This is an open-Bible exam.
- For Multiple Choice questions, circle or write the letter for the single best answer.
- For True/False items, write “T” if the statement is entirely true, or write “F” if the statement is not entirely true.
- No penalty for guessing

Multiple Choice

1. The Book of Esther takes place primarily in which empire?

- a) Babylonian Empire
- b) Persian Empire
- c) Assyrian Empire
- d) Egyptian Empire

2. Who is the king featured in the Book of Esther?

- a) Darius
- b) Xerxes (Ahasuerus)
- c) Nebuchadnezzar
- d) Cyrus

3. What is the Hebrew name of Queen Esther?

- a) Hadassah
- b) Ruth

- c) Deborah
- d) Dinah

4. Who is Esther's cousin and guardian?

- a) Nehemiah
- b) Ezra
- c) Mordecai
- d) Haman

5. At the book's beginning, who is queen before Esther?

- a) Vashti
- b) Abigail
- c) Bathsheba
- d) Zeresh

6. Why is Vashti removed as queen?

- a) She goes into exile
- b) She refuses to appear before the king and his guests
- c) She is caught committing treason
- d) She is killed in battle

7. How is Esther chosen as queen?

- a) She is born into royalty
- b) Through a beauty contest among the empire's women
- c) Through a royal election
- d) She is already queen when the story begins

8. Who is the main antagonist in the Book of Esther?

- a) Mordecai
- b) Zeresh
- c) Haman
- d) Harbona

9. What is Haman's ethnicity and line of descent?

- a) Egyptian, son of Pharaoh
- b) Agagite, a descendant of King Agag of the Amalekites
- c) Midianite, descendant of Jethro
- d) Philistine, from Gath

10. Why does Haman become angry with Mordecai?

- a) Mordecai takes his job
- b) Mordecai refuses to bow down to him
- c) Mordecai exposes his plot
- d) Mordecai marries his daughter

11. What does Haman plot to do?

- a) Become king
- b) Kill all the Jews in the Persian Empire
- c) Destroy the city of Susa
- d) Rob the king's treasury

12. What method does Haman use to decide the date for the destruction of the Jews?

- a) Consultation with magicians
- b) By reading the stars

- c) By casting lots ("pur")
- d) By royal decree only

13. How does Mordecai respond to Haman's plot?

- a) He runs away
- b) He fasts, mourns, and urges Esther to intervene
- c) He confronts Haman publicly
- d) He hides in the palace

14. What is Esther initially afraid to do?

- a) Travel out of Persia
- b) Reveal her identity as a Jew
- c) Approach the king without being summoned, risking her life
- d) Fast for three days

15. What does Mordecai famously tell Esther in urging her to act ("for such a time as this")?

- a) "You cannot save your people."
- b) "Who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"
- c) "God will abandon us unless you act."
- d) "Help is only in the law."

16. What does Esther request of Mordecai and the Jews before she goes in to the king?

- a) Fast for three days
- b) Give her money
- c) Leave Susa
- d) Pray at the temple

17. When Esther appears before the king, what is his response?

- a) He is angry
- b) He ignores her
- c) He welcomes her and extends his golden scepter
- d) He does not recognize her

18. What does Esther invite the king and Haman to?

- a) To exile
- b) A fast
- c) A banquet (or feast)
- d) The Temple in Jerusalem

19. What event prompts the king to remember Mordecai's prior loyalty?

- a) A dream
- b) Reading the court records and discovering Mordecai once saved his life
- c) Esther's request
- d) Haman tells him

20. What is Haman forced to do to honor Mordecai?

- a) Ignore him
- b) Bow to him
- c) Lead Mordecai through the streets wearing royal robes
- d) Give him money

21. At Esther's second banquet, what request does she make of the king?

- a) To exile Haman to Egypt
- b) To make Mordecai prime minister

- c) To spare her life and the lives of her people
- d) To throw another party

22. How does the king respond when Esther exposes Haman's plot?

- a) He ignores her
- b) He throws Haman in prison
- c) He orders Haman executed on the gallows Haman built for Mordecai
- d) He exiles Haman to Babylon

23. What happens to the Jews as a result of the new royal decree?

- a) They must flee Persia
- b) They are rewarded with gold
- c) They are allowed to defend themselves and destroy their enemies
- d) They are still forbidden from fighting

24. What was the outcome for Haman's ten sons?

- a) They escaped to Egypt
- b) They inherited Haman's estate
- c) They were hanged
- d) They became Jewish

25. What Jewish festival celebrates the deliverance described in Esther?

- a) Passover
- b) Hanukkah
- c) Purim
- d) Pentecost

True/False

- 26. Mordecai and Esther were siblings.
- 27. God's name is never directly mentioned in the Book of Esther.
- 28. Esther risked her life by approaching the king without being summoned.
- 29. The Jews in Persia were allowed to defend themselves due to Esther's intervention.
- 30. Haman was honored by the king for his loyalty.
- 31. Purim is named after the lots Haman cast to decide the date of destruction.
- 32. The Book of Esther ends with the Jewish people still scattered but delivered from their enemies.
- 33. Esther kept her Jewish identity a secret for a time.

(Answer key on next page)

Answer Key

Multiple Choice

1. b

2. b

3. a

4. c

5. a

6. b

7. b

8. c

9. b

10. b

11. b

12. c

13. b

14. c

15. b

16. a

17. c

18. c

19. b

20. c

21. c

22. c

23. c

24. c

25. c

True/False

26. False

27. True

28. True

29. True

30. False

31. True

32. True

33. True