

**Esther's Influence**

**Read: Esther 3-10**

Who is Haman and why does he get angry at Mordecai?

Why does Mordecai say that he will not bow?

How does Haman try to destroy Mordecai and his people?

How do Mordecai and the rest of the Jews react to the king's decree?

Why is Esther afraid of talking to the king about this decree?

What does Mordecai say to give Esther courage and motivate her to talk to the king?

What do Esther and the rest of the people do in preparation for her talk with the king?

What does Esther request of the king the first two times she is asked?

Why is Haman unsatisfied with all the blessings he has and what does his wife suggest for him to do?

How is the king reminded about how Mordecai had saved his life?

Explain how Haman ends up honoring Mordecai instead of killing him:

When Haman comes home what do his wise men and his wife tell him concerning Mordecai?  
Why would they have come to this conclusion?

What does Queen Esther finally request of the king?

Why does Haman become so afraid?

When the king comes back to the banquet what does he see?

How does he end up killing Haman?

How does the king counteract the decree that Haman had made and save the Jews?

What was the feast called that celebrated their deliverance and why was it given this name?