

BIBLE IN A YEAR- Esther

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LITERARY TECHNIQUES IN ESTHER

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3. **Peripety**: When specific actions produce outcome that's **opposite** of one expected (6:3-12)

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CHAPTERS 1-2	CHAPTER 3	CHAPTERS 4-5	CHAPTERS 6-7	CHAPTER 8	CHAPTER 9	CHAPTER 10
Circumstances	Threat and trust			Deliverance and praise		
Feasts	of the king	of the queen		of the nation		
Dates	483 BC			473 BC		
Theme	The sovereign accomplishment of God's purposes through ordinary people and apparent coincidences					
Key Verses	4:12-16; 10:3					
Christ in Esther	Pictured in Esther, who was an advocate for her people, even willing to die for them					

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THEOLOGICAL MESSAGE OF ESTHER

1. Divine **Sovereignty**
 - a. Central message is the **providence** of God: Pro- **before**; Video: **I see**
 - b. There are no **coincidences**: a concurrence of events with no apparent connection.
 - c. Even when the name of God is not mentioned, we see the **finger** of God present (Rom. 8:28).
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