



The Presence of Jesus in the Book of Esther

“Who knows? Maybe you were made queen for such a time as this . . .” the famous line of Mordecai as he explains to Esther the ominous peril facing the Hebrew nation and her role in the rescue (Esther 4:14, *Message*)—a deliverance made possible not by mighty warriors or clever battle strategy, or any bloodshed whatsoever—but a Jewish girl who acted with great faith in her God and who He called her to be. What can we learn of this God who defies the mighty with a maiden and outmaneuvers the wise with whimsy?

The name of Yahweh is not overtly written in the Book of Esther, but His hand and His presence permeate the story. Ezra, whom scholars attribute authorship, wrote in the style of a “chronicle of the king’s great acts” most likely to appease Persian officials. But he cleverly stressed his main point of Yahweh’s deliverance of His people from extermination by embedding the Hebrew letters that spell *Yahweh* as acrostics within the text.

Lesson	Study Passage
#1	Esther 1
#2	Esther 2
#3	Esther 3-4
#4	Esther 5-7
#5	Esther 8
#6	Esther 9-10

Key Verses:

Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

- Luke 24:27 (NLT)

You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life.

But the Scriptures point to me!

- John 5:39 (NLT)

For each lesson, review and meditate on the designated passage, allowing the Holy Spirit’s guidance in answering the following questions. Record your insights.

1. In what ways is the presence or nature of Jesus evident in this passage?
2. In what ways is God at work in this portion of the story even though He is not overtly named?
3. What is the Lord speaking to you regarding His presence and work in your own life and ministry?
4. What specific applications do you believe the Holy Spirit would have you make as part of your community (family, business, congregation, ministry)?

