

# Esther 2-7



## Getting Started

If possible, watch and discuss the Bible Project overview of Esther. See, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JydNSIufRIs>  
It's about 9 minutes long.

## The Text

1. Read Esther 2:19–23. What do you think about Mordecai's actions? What motives might he have?
2. Read Esther 4:9–17. What do you make of Mordecai's words? What do you make of Esther's words? What thinking and feeling might be associated with the statement 'if I perish, I perish'?
3. What twists and turns do you see in Esther 6 and 7?

## The Text as a Portion of Scripture

4. What examples can you think of across the Bible of people who cooperated with an empire or power? Old Testament? New Testament?
5. How might these verses be relevant to Christians today? Jer 29:7; I Pet 2:12
6. What examples can you think of across the Bible of people who opposed an empire or power? Old Testament? New Testament?

## Our lives

7. Are you a good citizen? In what areas do you struggle with this?
8. What are some contexts in your life where you feel you should (a) stand up and advocate for others? and/or (b) proclaim something from God?
9. Share stories of when you felt misunderstood or threatened by people in power because of your faith. Can you tell these stories in a funny, subversive way?
10. Do you think that 'fierce humour' is good for our life with God? How might humour go wrong? How long after the events could the tragedy of life in Persia become a comedy? (You might look at the humorous chart of how to turn tragedy to comedy on the next page.)

