

# God Uses Esther Class Notes Answer Key

Print one Answer Key to use as a reference during the lesson to help students fill out their class notes.

## PART 1

1. **Who was Mordecai?** *He was a Jew who was the great-grandson of one of the exiles.*
2. **How were Mordecai and Hadassah related?** *They were cousins.*
3. **How did Hadassah come to be known as Esther?** *Mordecai was apparently concerned about her Jewish heritage being known. It may be that Mordecai suggested the name change.*
4. **What does verse 11 tell us about Mordecai?** *He was concerned for Esther and continued to look after her.*
5. **How long was Esther in the palace before she came before the king?** *At least a year.*
6. **What phrase is repeated in verses 9, 15, and 17?** *Esther "obtained favor" in the eyes of the people of the palace, including the king.*
7. **How did the king respond?** *He chose Esther as his queen and held a feast in her honor.*
9. **How did Mordecai and rest of the Jews respond to the decree?** *There was great mourning among the Jews, and they fasted and mourned in sackcloth and ashes.*
10. **What did Mordecai ask Esther to do?** *To go to the king and plead for the lives of the Jews.*
11. **What was Esther afraid of?** *If she entered the kings presence uninvited she could be put to death.*
12. **What happened as Esther appeared in the king's court?** *She found favor in his sight and her request for him to appear at a banquet was granted.*
13. **What was Esther's second request?** *She asked that the king and Haman attend a second banquet the next day.*
14. **How did the king react to hearing it was Haman that threatened Esther's people?** *He was enraged and went to the garden to think.*
15. **What ironic twist happens concerning the gallows Haman had built?** *Haman was hung on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai.*
16. **Who replaced Haman in his role as counselor?** *Mordecai replaced him.*
17. **What clever plan did Mordecai devise to save the Jews?** *He wrote an edict that allowed the Jews in each city to gather together and defend themselves and to annihilate anyone who tried to attack them.*

## PART 2

8. **How did Haman convince the king to allow him to wipe out the Jews?** *He pointed out that the Jews did not obey the laws of the king, and he also offered a bribe of 10,000 talents of silver.*
18. **Who was responsible for orchestrating all of these events?** *All of these things happened under the divine direction of God, but each person was entirely accountable for his or her actions.*