

1. Esther 3:1–5: Mordecai will not bow to Haman.

2. Esther 3:8,10,12: Haman persuades King Xerxes to write the law and officially seal it with the king's ring.

3. Esther 4:1–14: Mordecai is in mourning (grieving); servant takes messages between Esther and Mordecai. She decides she must act.

4. Esther 5:1–3: Esther bravely goes to the king without him sending for her.

5. Esther 7:1–6: The banquet with Esther, King Xerxes, and Haman.

6. Esther 8:1–7: King Xerxes gives his ring to Esther and Mordecai to write and seal a new decree to protect the Jews.