

Timeline:

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Introductions

Ahasuerus (Xerxes)
 Esther (Hadassah)
 Mordecai
 Haman

Progression of Esther**Opening (Chapter 1-2)**

Feast	(1:1 - 1:9)
Vashti _____	(1:10 - 1:22)
Selection process	(2:1 - 2:14)
Esther _____	(2:15 - 2:23)

Threat to the Jews (Chapters 3-4)

The Haman's disdain	(3:1 - 3:6)
Ahasuerus' _____	(3:7 - 3:15)
Jews response	(4:1 - 4:17)

Triumph of the Jews (Chapters 5-10)

Esther's patient _____	(5:1 - 5:8)
Haman's prideful escalation	(5:9 - 5:14)
Mordecai _____	(6:1 - 5:13)
Jews preserved	(6:14 - 7:6)
Haman's _____	(7:7 - 7:10)
Jews prosper	(8:1 - 10:3)

Matching the themes (T.E.A.)

Opulence vs Sacrifice	Esther & Mordecai
Reward of true character	Haman vs Mordecai
Pride vs Humility	Persia vs Jews
Plans of man vs God	Haman vs God

Scarlet Thread

- Intercessor
- God working through individuals
 - Even when _____ but _____ to God
- Willingness to take on death for ones people

Answer Key (in order): **rejected, chosen, decree, request, honored, demise, hesitant, yielding**