

**The Roll of the Dice: Esther**  
**The Book of Esther**

**1. The Dangerous Character Haman Who “Rolls the Dice.”**

“In the twelfth year of King Xerxes, in the first month, the month of Nisan, they cast the pur(that is the lot) in the presence of Haman to select a day and month. And the lot fell on the twelfth month, the month of Adar.” Esther 3:7

**2. Esther is Selected As Queen To Replace Vashti.**

“Then Memucan replied in the presence of the king and the nobles, "Queen Vashti has done wrong, not only against the king but also against all the nobles and the peoples of all the provinces of King Xerxes. For the queen's conduct will become known to all the women, and so they will despise their husbands and say, 'King Xerxes commanded Queen Vashti to be brought before him, but she would not come.' This very day the Persian and Median women of the nobility who have heard about the queen's conduct will respond to all the king's nobles in the same way. There will be no end of disrespect and discord.” Esther 1:16-18

“Before a girl’s turn came to go in to the King Xerxes, she had to complete twelve months of beauty treatments prescribed for the women, six months with oil of myrrh and six months with perfumes and cosmetics.” Esther 2:12

“For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?” Esther 4:14

“I will go to the King, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.” Esther 4:16

**3. Haman’s Evil Plan Is Exposed.**

“That night the king could not sleep; so he ordered the book of the chronicles, the record of his reign, to be brought in and read to him.” Esther 6:1

**4. Mordecai Is Able to Write A Second Edict.**

“Mordecai wrote in the name of King Xerxes, sealed the dispatches with the king's signet ring, and sent them by mounted couriers, who rode fast horses especially bred for the king. The king's edict granted the Jews in every city the right to assemble and protect themselves.” Esther 8:10-11

**5. Mordecai Establishes The Yearly Celebration of Purim.**

“We may throw the dice, but the Lord determines how they fall.” Proverbs 16:33 (NLT)

**Application:** God is still in control today.

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.” Romans 8:1-2

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:35, 38-39

“I can do all things through Christ, who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13

