

# Esther

Just because you  
can't see God,

doesn't mean  
He isn't there...



**Esther – what a story!**



What makes Esther such a good story?



Why do we tell stories and what makes them work?



- Carl Jung – Archetypes
- Sigmund Freud – healing the fractured ego



All storytelling is an argument . . . all dramas  
are arguments about the nature of the world.

John Yorke



All stories teach, whether the storyteller intends them to or not. They teach the world we create. They teach the morality we live by. They teach it much better than moral precepts and instructions.

Philip Pullman



Stories are the means by which we give  
expression to our deepest longings





- Love
- Happiness
- Significance
- Peace-and-Justice



King Xerxes feasts  
Queen Vashti rebels  
Queen Vashti fired  
Jewish Esther hired  
Esther made queen  
Esther wins favour



Mordecai uncovers plot  
Mordecai insults Haman  
Haman plans annihilation  
Jews very frightened  
Jews fast and weep



Mordecai appeals to Esther

Brave Esther acts

Jews more fasting

Brave Esther visits king



What does Esther teach us?



# What does Esther teach us?

- Mordecai – one of three icons of the Jewish faith
- Esther – bravery on behalf of her people



Nation

Tribe

Village

Person



God is the hero





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**ALWAYS**



Esther – a sex slave

Haman – Adolf Eichmann



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**WRONG WRONG WRONG**



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Esther works as a story, because it is given meaning by the Big Story.

The story of the Bible.



Faith

Hope

