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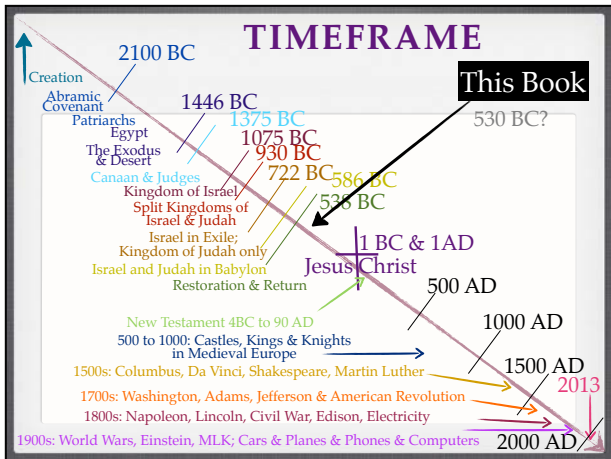
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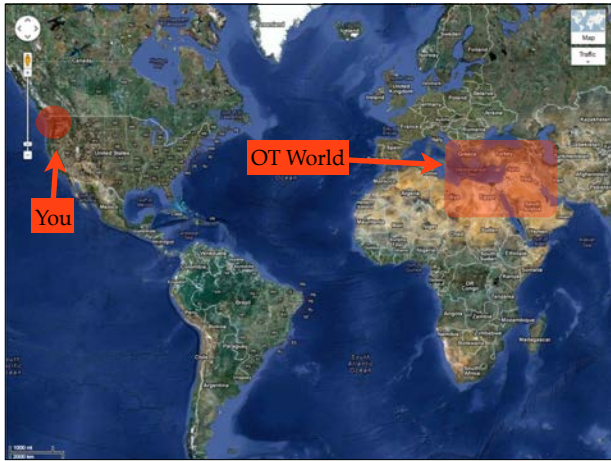
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## TYPE OF BOOK

- Moses' Torah / Pentateuch
- History
- Poetry & Wisdom ✓
- Major (Long-book) Prophets
- Minor (Short-book) Prophets

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## READERS & RECIPIENTS

- everyone?

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## STORYLINE

- Esther gets chosen as queen.
- Haman comes up with an evil plot to hurt and kill Jews.
- Mordecai outsmarts Haman
- Israel triumphs over its enemies. (CBH)

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## Major OT Themes found in this Book:

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1. God is Love
2. God Creates
3. Israel (we) are supposed to be God's Obedient Servants
4. Israel (we) are Sinful
5. God is Angry with His People for Rejecting Him
6. God Forgives and Blesses those who Follow Him
7. Israel (we) are God's Chosen Examples
8. God Speaks through His Prophets
9. God is Always with His People
10. God is Just and Merciful
11. God Keeps His Promises
12. Israel (we) are Redeemed and Restored by the Blood of Christ
13. Israel (we) are JoGoFd
14. Israel (we) will Inherit the Kingdom of God

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## THEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTION

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- "Beginning with Genesis, God had made it clear that He would bless His covenant people and bring a curse upon those who tried to do them harm....Esther shows once again that we can trust God to work out His ultimate purpose of redemption in our lives."  
CBH

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## SECULAR CONTRIBUTION

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- Purim is a Jewish festival of faithfulness, celebrating the courage of Queen Esther.

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## KEY VERSE

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- 8:17 (CBH)
- "And In every province and in every city, wherever the king's command and his edict reached, there was gladness and joy among the Jews, a feast and a holiday. And many from the peoples of the country declared themselves Jews, for fear of the Jews had fallen on them." ESV

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## REQUIRED READING

- Salvation of the Jews--Chapter 8

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## WHEN TO TURN HERE

- Why doesn't God give me what I pray for?
- Why do bad things happen to good people?
- Who is a heroic woman in the Bible?

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## LUTHER SAYS:

- "The greater part (of a nation) always belongs to the devil and is idolatrous. Thus there is no doubt that...Mordecai and Esther, gained many people." (LSB 760)
- What does this mean? (Haha).

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### MR. MARTIN SAYS:

- The weird thing about Esther is that God is never mentioned.
- Weird!

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### LIFE LESSONS FROM ESTHER

- "God's grace is depicted in Esther through the heroine as a type of Jesus. She, like our Savior, is willing to die for her people and is an advocate on their behalf....The book shows how God in his grace preserves his people in the face of danger and opposition." CSSB 717
- God's love for you transcends all.
- How is Esther like Jesus? What is the story of Esther? How can you be like Esther to someone else?

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### ACTIVITIES

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