

# A Visitor's Guide to the Old Testament

## A Quick Discussion Guide on the Book of Esther

1. Find a partner and tell the story of Esther in no more than 90 seconds.

What did you find challenging about this task?

Why is it important to relate all the details of the story when discussing the book of Esther? What does this tell you about one of the main "take aways" from this Bible book?

2. You were asked to read the Book of Esther with a critical eye especially on the two main characters, Mordecai and Esther, to discern whether they were heroes or "zeros". Give your reasons to support either conclusion (or both):

Heroes:

Zeros:

3. Write your memory passage below:

4. You are on a committee of rabbis during the "intertestamental period" of history (the time between the Old and New Testament eras) who are discussion which books belong on the "Old Testament" Canon. What reasons would you give for both including and excluding the Book of Esther?

Include:

Exclude:

5. The book's most famous passage reads, "for such a time as this..." Relate a time in life when that passage has been relevant for you or for someone you know.