

Read the selected chapters (Ch.) of the Book of Esther. You may consult any other source and class notes, but while reading Esther, answer the following questions:

1. What king or ruler **built** the first Temple in Jerusalem? _____
2. What king or ruler **destroyed** that first Temple in Jerusalem? _____
3. What happened to the best and brightest of the Jews at the time of the destruction of the Temple at Jerusalem?

4. What king or ruler (**and of which Empire**) allowed for and helped pay for the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem? _____
5. The Persian Empire was the largest in history up until its day. From which **two** capitals did the King rule?

6. Who was the King of Persia after Darius I, his father? _____ Ch. 1
Who was the queen of Persia at this time? _____ Ch. 1
7. Upon the death of his first queen, the king picked a new queen from amongst all the nations. Who did he choose and what was her real Hebrew name? _____ Ch. 2
8. This new Queen of Persia had a relative that worked at the royal court.
A) What was the relative's profession? _____ Ch. 2
B) What was the relative's name? _____
9. How did this *relative of the Queen* (in question #8 above) become respected or favored by the king?
_____ Ch. 6
10. Describe Haman's plan for the Jews in chapter 3. _____
