

INTRODUCTION TO ESTHER
(Esther 1:1-2)

- I. *Esther's Place in* _____
- A. Its acceptance has been _____
1. It _____ God
 2. It is _____ in the NT
 3. It is _____ the "Dead Sea Scrolls"
- B. There are _____ to the objections
1. God is _____ in the book, but in the _____
 2. Esther is _____ the _____ OT book not quoted in the NT
 3. The "Dead Sea Scrolls" collection is not _____
- C. Its acceptance has been _____
1. _____ practice included it
 2. Early _____ era included it
- II. *Esther's* _____
- A. Author is _____

- B. Author's writing style is consistent with the _____ era
- C. The book's _____ is called *chiasmic*
- D. The book's genre is _____ narrative

III. *Esther's* _____

A. Historical

- 1. Provides the only _____ for the Feast of Purim
- 2. Provides a rare glimpse of life for the Jews under _____ rule

B. Spiritual

- 1. Provides an object lesson in _____
- 2. Provides an object lesson in _____
- 3. Provides an object lesson in _____