

First Quiz on Esther

(There may be more than one right answer)

1. What Jewish holiday is based on what happened in the Book of Esther?
 - a. Feast of Weeks
 - b. Purim
 - c. Sukkot
 - d. Passover
2. Who wrote the Book of Esther?
 - a. Esther
 - b. Mordecai
 - c. Haman
 - d. We do not know
3. The Book of Esther is unique in that it ...
 - a. Is so short
 - b. Does not mention God
 - c. Has a lead female character
 - d. Takes place outside of Israel
4. The Book of Esther was written about ...
 - a. 660BC
 - b. 560BC
 - c. 460BC
 - d. 360BC
5. When Jews celebrate this story, during the reading, Children are given ...
 - a. Whistles
 - b. Rattles
 - c. Hankies
 - d. Scepters
6. Our main source of information about Persia, during this timeframe is ...
 - a. Greek historian Herodotus
 - b. Jewish historian Josephus
 - c. Christian historian Eusebius
 - d. Roman historian Tacitus
7. Key themes of the Book of Esther would probably include ...
 - a. Divine providence
 - b. Human responsibility
 - c. Absurdity of wickedness
 - d. Women can do anything men can
8. The Book of Esther reminds us that ...
 - a. When God is most hidden, he is still present and working
 - b. God's authority is over kings
 - c. God is sovereign
 - d. Beauty and smarts can go together

The book of Esther is a story par excellence. It has virtually all the ingredients that people through the ages have most loved in a story— a beautiful and courageous heroine, a romantic love thread, a dire threat to the good characters, a thoroughly evil villain, suspense, dramatic irony, evocative descriptions of exotic places, sudden reversal of action, poetic justice, and a happy ending.