

Contents

<i>Preface</i>	<i>page ix</i>
Introduction	i
ESTHER ONE	5
1 Submission and Rule	7
ESTHER TWO	15
2 Political Favor	17
ESTHER THREE	27
3 The Enemy	29
4 The King's Men	32
5 Idolatry	40
6 Disobedience	46
7 Joseph	55
8 Amalek	62
9 Anti-Semitism	70
ESTHER FOUR	77
10 Pressure	79
11 Court Jew	83
12 The Decision	91

viii	<i>Contents</i>
ESTHER FIVE	97
13 The Plan	99
14 Reaction	102
ESTHER SIX	105
15 Power Shift	108
16 Downfall	112
17 Allies	114
ESTHER SEVEN	119
18 The Last Appeal	121
19 Political Power	128
ESTHER EIGHT	139
20 The Jews' War	141
21 The Morality of the War	146
ESTHER NINE	161
22 The Festival	163
23 Politics and Faith	167
AFTERWORDS	183
24 A Missile over Tel Aviv	185
25 God and Emergence	193
26 God Casts No Shadow	201
<i>Notes</i>	209
<i>Index of Names</i>	251
<i>Scriptural and Rabbinic References</i>	257
<i>The Hebrew Esther Text</i>	