



THE BIBLE IN VERSE

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ESTHER

CHAPTERS 1 TO 10

Chapter 1

Persia's great king sends for Vashti, his queen.
She is reluctant to come and be seen.
Thus she arouses his majesty's hate.
Then she is cast from her royal estate.

Chapter 2

Esther, a Jewess, is chosen as queen,
Being the fairest of all to be seen.
Mordecai learns of a plot toward the king,
Promptly tells Esther, exposing the thing.

Chapter 3

Haman is raised to a lofty estate.
He for the Jews has a terrible hate.
Mordecai dares to refuse him his dues.
Haman then plots to destroy all the Jews.

Chapter 4

Now do the Jews go to fasting and prayer.
Esther might help their calamity spare.
Mordecai sends her an urgent behest.
Esther prepares to present her request.

Chapter 5

Esther goes forth; her reception is fine.
Then she bids husband and Haman to dine.
Haman exults in his swaggering way,
Plans to have Mordecai hanged the next day.

Chapter 6

Haman is humbled, receiving a blow,
Being compelled now to honor his foe.
Mordecai rides in a kingly estate.
Haman is grieved at his own crushing fate.

Chapter 7

Esther now offers the banquet prepared,
Brings her request that her people be spared.
King is enraged at what Haman has done.
Haman is hanged, and reprieve is begun.

Chapter 8

Mordecai climbs to a lofty estate.
Esther beseeches the king for her fate.
King may not alter his former decree.
Jews are permitted to fight to be free.

Chapter 9

Now the great day of the battle arrives;
Heathen are slaughtered but Israel thrives.
Thus shall these days be remembered with cheer;
Two days of Purim are honored each year.

Chapter 10

Mordecai really is great in the land,
Standing right next to the king in command;
Being accepted by all of the Jews,
Seeking their very best welfare to choose.