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Date of Esther 3-10

**Esther 1:3** - 3rd year of king’s reign

**Esther 2:16** - 7th year of king’s reign

**Esther 3:7** - 12th year of king’s reign

**Esther 9:1** - 13th year of king’s reign
Cyrus

Cambyses

Ahasuerus or Xerxes

535 B.C. 522 520 486 465 424

Cyrus

Darius I

Artaxerxes I

Esther 3
Haman The Agagite

- Amalekites fought against Israel
  - Ex. 17:8-16
  - Deut. 25:17-19

- Saul was supposed to have eliminated all Amalekites
  - 1 Sam. 15:7-20

- Descendant of an Amalekite king
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1. Destroy them

2. 10,000 talents of silver into the treasury
   - 375 tons of silver
   - 2/3 annual income of the Assyria empire
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Biblical Fasting

Different types:

1. No tasty food
   - Dan. 10:3

2. No food
   - Matt. 4:2

3. Total fast
   - Esther 4:16