



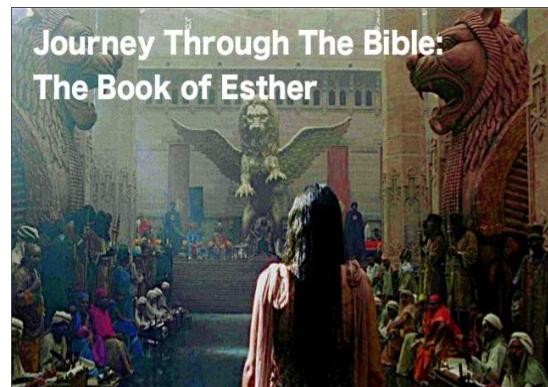
The Biblical Archaeology Forum (BAF) presents:

***The Book of Esther Revealed***

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How should we understand the Hebrew Bible's Book of Esther? How "biblical" is it? How "religious" is it? How "Persian" is it? How "true" is it? Why was it written? What happened to the book when it was translated into Greek? If Esther makes no reference to God's name, to

the Temple, to prayer, or to distinctive Jewish practices, then why is it part of the Jewish canon?

These and other points will be discussed as we analyze the literary style and influences on the book, its historical background, and its relation to the festival of Purim.

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