

Women in Jesus' ancestry:

Eve

Sarah

Rebekah

Leah & Rachel

Tamar [Gen 38]

Rahab [Joshua 2 & 6]

Ruth & Naomi

Bathsheba

Mary

Old Testament Women

Jochebed

Jezebel

Gomer

✓ Esther

New Testament Women

Mary & Martha

Mary Magdalene

Priscilla

Lois & Eunice

Esther

a. **Time & Place**

b. Time: About 485 BC,
during Israel's return from Babylon [Iraq]

c. Place: City of Susa, in Persia [Iran]

d. Emperor: Xerxes - not a nice fellow.

e. **Queen Vashti deposed (Esther 1)**

f. Why did Xerxes ask Vashti to come to his party?

g. Why did Vashti refuse?

h. Why did Xerxes' advisors recommend deposing her?

i. **Esther chosen as queen (Esther 2:1-18)**

j. What was Esther's real (Jewish) name? (v.7)

k. What was her relationship to Mordecai?

l. What restriction had Mordecai giving Esther?

m. How long was her training period?

n. How was she chosen as queen?

o. **Mordecai saves Xerxes' life (Esther 2:21-23)**

p. **Haman's scheme (Esther 3)**

q. Who was Haman?

r. Why did Haman hate the Jews?

s. What did he plan to do to Mordecai?

t. **Esther's scheme (Esther 5-7)**

u. Haman embarrassed four times in one day

v. **Victory for the Jews (Esther 8-10)**

w. Why couldn't Xerxes' repeal his earlier order?

x. Start of the annual Jewish festival of Purim.

y. **Lessons for us?**

