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**Esther the Queen in the LXX Greek Additions C and D.**

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The Book of Esther, one of the later works in the Hebrew Bible, should be seen in the context of the Hellenistic era. It should be studied as the BookS of Esther, for the very different Hebrew and Greek versions reflect layers of a development that can be readily seen. After a discussion of the plot, the focus will be on the Greek Additions C and D. The Hellenistic character of these Additions, including notions associated with Hellenistic queens and royal women, will be the subject of this paper.