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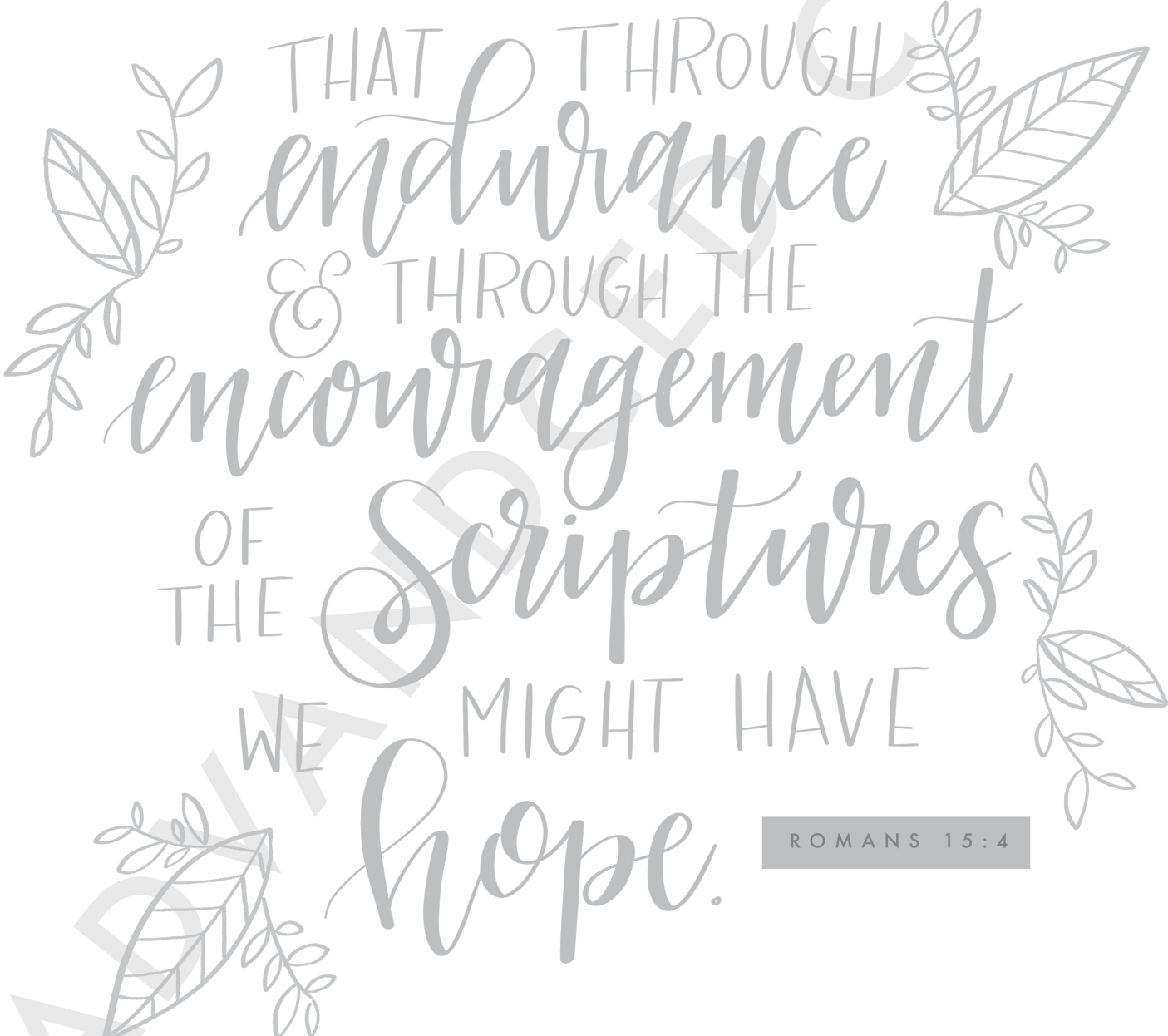
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As you work through this study, use this space to doodle, color, and meditate on God's Word and consider how the book of Esther gives you true hope.

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ROMANS 15:4



# Esther's story

## AS IT BEGINS IN ESTHER 1

### THE KING'S BANQUETS

<sup>1</sup> Now in the days of Ahasuerus, the Ahasuerus who reigned from India to Ethiopia over 127 provinces, <sup>2</sup> in those days when King Ahasuerus sat on his royal throne in Susa, the citadel, <sup>3</sup> in the third year of his reign he gave a feast for all his officials and servants. The army of Persia and Media and the nobles and governors of the provinces were before him, <sup>4</sup> while he showed the riches of his royal glory and the splendor and pomp of his greatness for many days, 180 days.

<sup>5</sup> And when these days were completed, the king gave for all the people present in Susa the citadel, both great and small, a feast lasting for seven days in the court of the garden of the king's palace. <sup>6</sup> There were white cotton curtains and violet hangings fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rods and marble pillars, and also couches of gold and silver on a mosaic pavement of porphyry, marble, mother-of-pearl, and precious stones.

<sup>7</sup> Drinks were served in golden vessels, vessels of different kinds, and the royal wine was lavished according to the bounty of the king. <sup>8</sup> And drinking was according to this edict: "There is no compulsion." For the king had given orders to all the staff of his palace to do as each man desired. <sup>9</sup> Queen Vashti also gave a feast for the women in the palace that belonged to King Ahasuerus.



## QUEEN VASHTI'S REFUSAL

<sup>10</sup> On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha and Abagtha, Zethar and Carkas, the seven eunuchs who served in the presence of King Ahasuerus, <sup>11</sup> to bring Queen Vashti before the king with her royal crown, in order to show the peoples and the princes her beauty, for she was lovely to look at. <sup>12</sup> But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command delivered by the eunuchs. At this the king became enraged, and his anger burned within him.

<sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the wise men who knew the times (for this was the king's procedure toward all who were versed in law and judgment, <sup>14</sup> the men next to him being Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, who saw the king's face, and sat first in the kingdom):

<sup>15</sup> "According to the law, what is to be done to Queen Vashti, because she has not performed the command of King Ahasuerus delivered by the eunuchs?" <sup>16</sup> Then Memucan said in the presence of the king and the officials, "Not only against the king has Queen Vashti done wrong, but also against all the officials and all the peoples who are in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus.

<sup>17</sup> For the queen's behavior will be made known to all women, causing them to look at their husbands with contempt, since they will say, 'King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought before him, and she did not come.' <sup>18</sup> This very day the noble women of Persia and Media who have heard of the queen's behavior will say the same to all the king's officials, and there will be contempt and wrath in plenty.

<sup>19</sup> If it please the king, let a royal order go out from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes so that it may not be repealed, that Vashti is never again to come before King Ahasuerus. And let the king give her royal position to another who is better than she. <sup>20</sup> So when the decree made by the king is proclaimed throughout all his kingdom, for it is vast, all women will give honor to their husbands, high and low alike." <sup>21</sup> This advice pleased the king and the princes, and the king did as Memucan proposed. <sup>22</sup> He sent letters to all the royal provinces, to every province in its own script and to every people in its own language, that every man be master in his own household and speak according to the language of his people.

# INTRODUCTION

## HOW TO USE THIS STUDY

### WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT TO LEARN

It may be safer to look through your windshield when you're driving, but glancing in your rearview mirror gives you a clear look at where you've been. God's providence is often better seen in retrospect than in the moment.

The Old Testament book of Esther makes no reference to God, but the entire story bears the unmistakable imprint of His ways. God will strengthen your faith as you see how He intervened to deliver His people. The Lord *still* masterfully orchestrates every detail of our lives and this universe in jaw-dropping ways. Nothing and no one can thwart His plan!

Expect these seven truths to deeply embed themselves in your heart through this study:

- **You are in a battle.**
- **God has a sovereign plan.**
- **You are a part of God's plan.**
- **God's plan will never fail.**
- **It's a beautiful thing to live under God's caring providence.**
- **There is no situation so desperate God cannot redeem it.**
- **Don't judge the outcome of the battle by the way things look right now.**

### TIPS FOR USING THIS STUDY

Throughout this study, ask yourself:

- What does this passage teach me about the heart, ways, and character of God?
- How does this passage point to Jesus and the gospel?
- Is there an example to follow or avoid? If so, how should I seek to change in response?

Each week of study is divided into five suggested daily lessons, but feel free to work at your own pace. Do what works for you!



As you go through the study, you may find it beneficial to listen to the audio series “Esther: God’s Woman at God’s Time.” Find it at [ReviveOurHearts.com/Esther-Series](https://www.reviveourhearts.com/Esther-Series).

Remember, the Holy Spirit is our primary teacher as we seek to understand God’s Word. Jesus told us that the Holy Spirit is a gift and a “Helper” able to “teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you” (John 14:26).

Secondary tools that can help you better understand the Word of God (but aren’t necessary to complete this study) include:

- An English dictionary to look up the basic meaning of words
- Various translations of the Bible
- A concordance
- A Bible dictionary
- Commentaries
- A study Bible
- Colored pens or pencils to write in your Bible.

Note: Throughout this study, you will find fill-in-the-blank sections using the English Standard Version (ESV) translation of the Bible. If you prefer a different translation, you can use an online Bible such as [BibleGateway.com](https://www.biblegateway.com) or a Bible app to help with these sections.

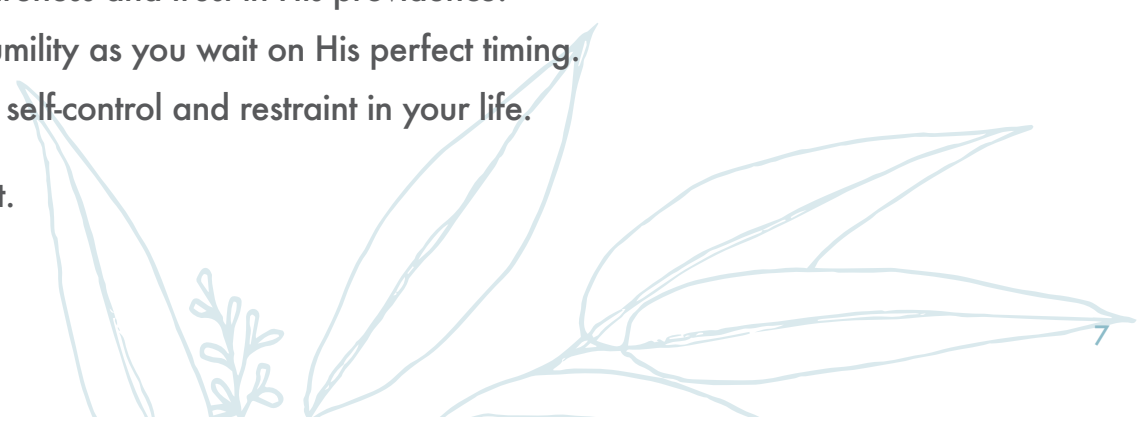
We’ve also included group discussion questions at the end of this study. You can further join the Esther discussion with our Women of the Bible podcast created to accompany this study, available at [ReviveOurHearts.com](https://www.reviveourhearts.com).

#### OUR HOPE FOR YOU

During the next six weeks, may God:

- Grow your awareness and trust in His providence.
- Expand your humility as you wait on His perfect timing.
- Bear the fruit of self-control and restraint in your life.

He is faithful to do it.



## SCRIPTURE MEMORY

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Spend time meditating on and memorizing the following verse this week:

the KING'S heart is a  
stream OF water  
in the HAND of the Lord;  
he turns it  
WHEREVER  
he will

PROVERBS 21:1

# Week 1

## GOD SETS THE STAGE

As we look back over history, we can often see God's hand directing events. Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers, thrown in jail for a crime he didn't commit . . . putting him in the position to interpret Pharaoh's dream, become second-in-command over Egypt, and ultimately save the Egyptian people and his own family (Gen. 50:20).

The persecution of the early church in Jerusalem had believers running for their lives (Acts 8:1) . . . resulting in the spread of the gospel across the Roman Empire. In more recent times, the weather report for June 6, 1944 had German officials believing there could be no attack . . . leaving their troops unprepared and opened the way for the Allied Forces' invasion on D-Day.<sup>4</sup>

At the time of these events, those involved probably didn't see God at work. Esther, Mordecai, and the Jewish people in the Persian Empire may have wondered if He was working too. Living under the rule of a tyrannical king, it would have been difficult to see God in their circumstances. But as we find out in this week's study, even when we can't see His hand, we can trust that God is working for our good and His glory.

## Day 1: *Meet the Cast:* THE INVISIBLE HAND

*Read Esther 1.*

## Before the Curtain Goes Up

About 100 years before Esther's story begins in 586 B.C., the Jews were taken captive to Babylon as God's discipline for their sin (Jer. 52). They were captives in Babylon for seventy years before the Babylonian Empire fell to the Persians (Jer. 29:10). God then worked through King Cyrus (Ezra 1:1–6) to give the Jews the freedom to return to their homeland (around 538 B.C.). However, many stayed behind in Persia, including Mordecai and Esther's families.<sup>1</sup>

At its height, the Persian Empire was vast, spanning from the Balkan Peninsula—including parts of what is present day Bulgaria, Romania, and Ukraine—to modern-day India and all the way south to Egypt.<sup>2</sup> Our story takes place in this empire, in the city of Susa (located in modern-day Iran).<sup>3</sup> The curtain goes up on the story of Esther about 450 years before the promised Messiah would be born.

The story of Esther is an account of God intervening in history to deliver His chosen people from annihilation. Why was it so important to the fulfillment of God’s promises and plan that the Jewish people not be destroyed? (Look for clues in the two passages below.)

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*1. Read Genesis 3:15*

Theologians recognize this as the first gospel proclamation in all of Scripture. Who do you think the “woman’s offspring” is referring to? Who would eventually bruise Satan’s head? What answer do we find in Galatians 4:4–5?

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*2. Read Genesis 22:18*

Centuries before Esther came on the scene, God promised Abraham, “In your \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth be blessed.”

Galatians 3:8 tells us that this promise to Abraham was another gospel proclamation. Write out the verse below.

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Galatians 3:16 goes on to clearly state who Abraham’s offspring would be:

**Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ.**

In the book of Esther, we see God preserving the Jewish nation so the Messiah could still come from Abraham.

# Esther's story is really God's story.

As you read the book of Esther, you will see God's:

- *Faithfulness* to His covenant and His people.
- *Sovereign control* over every circumstance.
- *Providence*.

How would you define the providence of God?

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## God's Mysterious, Interesting Providence

Professor Dale Ralph Davis refers to God's providence as "that frequently mysterious, always interesting way in which Yahweh provides for his servants in their various needs."<sup>5</sup> Start looking for God's providence, and you'll see it everywhere!

You'll see in Esther that God has a plan that cannot be thwarted by anything. God *will* deliver His people and ultimately fulfill all His purposes in this world. May this story from Scripture help you recognize the unseen hand of God that's always at work in your life.

If someone wrote an account of the "coincidences" in your life, what are some stories they might include of God's providence at work?

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Even when you can't see it, God is there. His work is hidden from our sight many times, but He is always acting on behalf of His people and His glory. The book of Esther is a beautiful portrayal of Romans 8:28.

Look it up, and then personalize it with your name:

And we know that for \_\_\_\_\_ all things work together for good, for those who \_\_\_\_\_ are called according to his purpose.



This incredible story helps us marvel at the masterful way God orchestrates every detail of our lives and of this universe. When you cannot see the hand of God, trust His heart and know that His providence is always working on your behalf.

Take a few moments to write out a prayer asking God to give you eyes to see His providence working over the next few weeks.

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## Day 2: *Meet the Cast:* KING XERXES

*Read Esther 1:1-8.*

Depending on your Bible translation, you might see “Ahasuerus” or “Xerxes” in the first verse of Esther. This is one and the same man. Ahasuerus is his Persian title, meaning “high father” or “venerable king”; and his Greek name is “Xerxes the Great.” (We’ll use Xerxes in this study, since it’s easier to pronounce.)

At the time of Esther, King Xerxes was one of the most powerful men on the face of the earth. He reigned from 486 to 465 B.C. over a world empire.

The story of Esther begins as Xerxes hosts a lavish feast. Who was this feast for and why did he give it (vv. 3-4)?

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According to verse 4, how long was the feast? \_\_\_\_\_ days (That’s a six-month-long party!)

Many think Xerxes gave this feast to gain support for—and prove he had the resources for—a war he was preparing to wage against the Greeks.

This six-month feast climaxes in a massive banquet for \_\_\_\_\_, lasting \_\_\_\_\_ days (v. 5).

He didn't skimp on this banquet either! Describe the party setting (v. 6).

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Scripture records that alcohol was a part of the party atmosphere (vv. 7–8). The drinking was according to what edict?

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A Persian law stated that every time the king took a drink, the people had to take a drink. He probably didn't want people to feel like they had to drink every time he did, so he waived that law for this feast.

What wisdom does Proverbs 31:4–5 give?

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### *About the Wine . . .*

The Bible makes clear that the *abuse* of alcohol is to be avoided (see, for example, Eph. 5:18). But believers in the church disagree on specifics. Some focus on the potential dangers of drinking (Prov. 20:1, 23:29–30), while others point out that wine is a gift from God intended for our enjoyment (Ps. 104:14–15; Isa. 55:1; John 2:1–11).

Christians have freedom in this matter. To take one position does not necessarily make us more spiritual than if we take

## Three Snapshots of the Man Esther Married

We learn what sort of ruler Xerxes was from the Greek historian, Herodotus. These graphic images tell the story of an erratic king.

**SNAPSHOT 1:** A man named Pythias offered Xerxes an enormous sum of money to wage war against the Greeks. When Pythias asked Xerxes if just one of his sons could stay home instead of going to war, Xerxes had that son cut in half and made his whole army pass between the pieces of the severed body.<sup>7</sup>

**SNAPSHOT 2:** When a storm destroyed the two bridges Xerxes' men had built across the Hellespont, he had the engineers beheaded and the water beaten with 300 lashes.<sup>8</sup>

**SNAPSHOT 3:** At one point, Xerxes tried to seduce his brother's wife. When she refused him, he had an affair with her daughter and then arranged for her whole family to be murdered.<sup>9</sup>

another. But neither do we have a license to tear down those who disagree with us. Here are several questions that are helpful in determining our practice in this matter—as well as in other potentially enslaving behaviors:

- 1 . Is it harming my body?
- 2 . Does it—or could it—enslave me?
- 3 . Is alcohol an idol in my life?
- 4 . Could my drinking cause spiritual damage to others or lead them into sin?<sup>6</sup>

For more on this topic, check out chapter 7 in *Adorned: Living Out the Beauty of the Gospel Together*.

### *Don't Lose Hope*

Do you know any angry, cruel, and vindictive people like Xerxes?

You might have grown up with, married, or worked for someone like this. In His providence, God sometimes allows ungodly people to be in charge. When this happens, it's easy to lose hope or think nothing will ever be different.

But remember, the final chapter hasn't been written yet. The success of the ungodly is short-lived. God overrules even the orders of wicked men because He is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (find the answer in Psalm 47:7).

King Xerxes' pride becomes a set-up for God to demonstrate His power and His kingdom, which rules over all kings and kingdoms of this earth.

You may not be under the authority of a cruel, vindictive king, but we all know how it feels to be impacted by someone whose actions are ungodly or unfair. Journal about a time when you were under such authority. (Maybe that time is now.) Can you see evidence of the Lord's hand? Write about that, too.

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# Day 3: Meet the Cast:

## QUEEN VASHTI

Read Esther 1:9–12.

We're now introduced to another character in this cast: Queen Vashti. When we meet her, she is fulfilling her role as the queen. According to Esther 1:9, what was she doing?

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The feasting and banquets in those days would have been segregated. It would have gone against protocol for the women to come into the place where men were feasting. Yet what does the king command in verses 10–11?

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Why does he request this (v. 11)?

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After six months of arrogant show-and-tell, under the influence of alcohol, King Xerxes decides to show off the one thing he hasn't yet shown off—his queen. But Queen Vashti \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 12).

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Do you think Vashti did the right thing in defying her husband's order? Why or why not?

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We don't know exactly *why* Vashti refused to come or *how* she refused to come. That raises the question: Is it ever right to disobey those in authority over us? What do you think and why?

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Read Romans 13:1-5.

God's Word is clear that He has ordained authority and that we are to submit to it. However, the exception seems to be when authority encourages us to break one of God's commands. Look up the following verses. Then circle whether you think the actions of the people in these examples were pleasing to God and why.

EXODUS 1:16 - 17, 20

*Explain your answer:*

*Yes/No*

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DANIEL 3:16 - 18

*Explain your answer:*

*Yes/No*

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DANIEL 6:7, 10

*Explain your answer:*

*Yes/No*

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ACTS 4:16 - 17, 20

*Explain your answer:*

*Yes/No*

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ACTS 5:27 - 32

*Explain your answer:*

*Yes/No*

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God used Vashti's situation to position Esther in the palace "for such a time as this." In God's providence, He overruled a tragic situation for the good of His people and the fulfillment of His redemptive plan.

God is able to overrule even the worst situation for your good and the fulfillment of His plan. How have you seen Him do this in the past?

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How are you hoping for God's providence to intervene in a current situation? Write it out as a prayer below.

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## Day 4: *Meet the Cast:* THE KING'S ADVISORS

*Read Esther 1:12–22.*

How did King Xerxes respond when his queen didn't come (Est. 1:12)?

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Perhaps the king was used to getting everything he wanted . . . until this moment. He had just been disrespected in front of the very people he's spent six months trying to impress. So he turned to his wise men for advice. Read verses 13–14.

How many men did the king consult, and who were they?

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In verse 15, what wrong does Xerxes accuse Vashti of?

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Whom did Memucan say the queen had wronged (v. 16)? Do you think this is an exaggeration? Why or why not?

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What was Memucan concerned would happen once other women in the kingdom heard about Vashti's behavior (v. 17–18)?

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How did Memucan advise the king in verse 19? Do you think his counsel was good? Why or why not?

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Memucan gave King Xerxes earthly wisdom. James 3:13–18 contrasts this kind of “wisdom” with the wisdom that is from above. According to this passage, what characterizes true wisdom?

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What did the king think of Memucan's advice (Est. 1:21–22), and what did he do in response? As a woman, how do you feel about the way Vashti was treated?

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We see that God's purposes were set in motion, even through Xerxes' ungodly choices. What did Xerxes' treatment of Vashti set the stage for?

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As you walk into the next lessons, notice this detail from verse 19: The law of the Persians and the Medes was a law that couldn't be reversed, even by the king. Apparently the people felt it was better to be ruled by kings who made rash laws, as long as they couldn't then change those laws.

Practice this week's memory verse, Proverbs 21:1, by writing it out and placing it somewhere prominent, such as your bathroom mirror or car steering wheel.

## Day 5: *Meet the Cast:* THE HERO OF THE STORY

*Re-read Esther 1.*

Write out John 10:10 below.

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According to this verse, what is Satan's goal? What is God's goal?

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We can trust that though Satan seeks to kill and destroy, God came to give us abundant life. The Old Testament is filled with story after story of Satan trying to destroy the people of God so the Messiah could not be born and God gaining the victory over his devices. Name a couple of examples you can think of.

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In the book of Esther, the people of God are once again under attack. The Jewish race faces extermination, chiefly through one powerful man named Haman. (We'll learn more about him in future chapters.)

As you read the book of Esther, watch for this thread: There's a battle between the kingdom of man and the kingdom of God. In this story, King Xerxes and Haman represent the kingdom of man. Mordecai and Esther represent the kingdom of God.

That's not to say Mordecai and Esther were perfect; they definitely had their flaws. But they also seem to have a heart for God. However, at the end of the day, Esther and Mordecai are not the heroes of this story. *God is.*

As you begin your journey through Esther, write down some differences between the kingdom of man and the kingdom of God, using the prompts below.

### *The Kingdom of Man Versus the Kingdom of God*

The kingdom of man is visible. The kingdom of God is \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Cor. 4:18).

The kingdom of man is a kingdom of darkness. God's kingdom is a kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 2:9).

The kingdom of man is temporal. But the kingdom of God is \_\_\_\_\_. It will never be overthrown (Dan. 7:13–14).

Which of these truths encourages your heart the most today and why?

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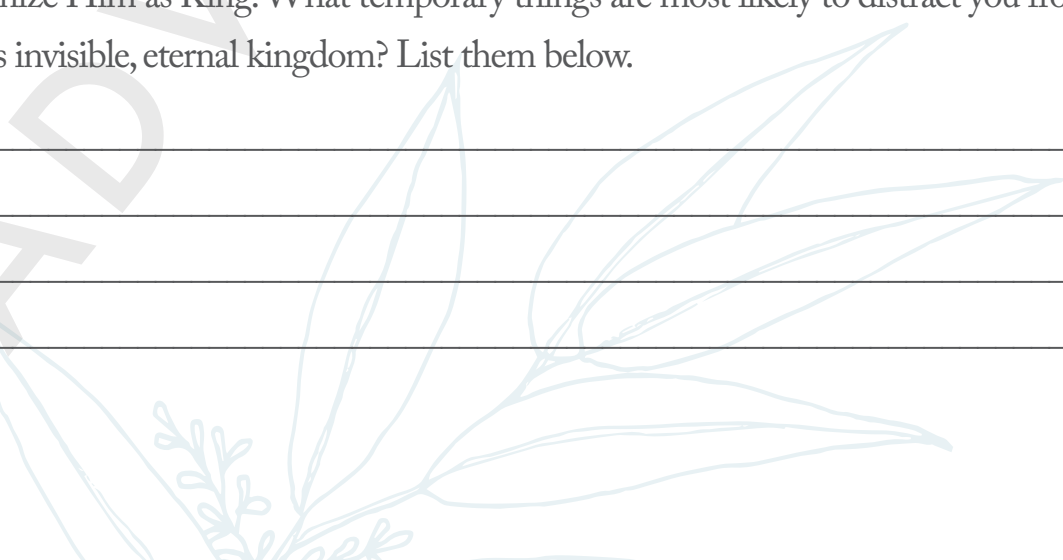
It's challenging for us—as it was in Esther's day—to live as children of God in a world that doesn't recognize Him as King. What temporary things are most likely to distract you from investing in God's invisible, eternal kingdom? List them below.

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# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## Week 1:

- Professor Dale Ralph Davis refers to God's providence as "that frequently mysterious, always interesting way in which Yahweh provides for his servants in their various needs." Discuss what you learned about God's providence in Week 1.
- How does Romans 8:28 help you trust that God's unseen hand is always working on your behalf? In your life, where is His hand most evident or least evident?
- What do you find helpful from Nancy's four questions to evaluate potentially enslaving behaviors on Day 2?
- Discuss the Scripture references from Exodus, Daniel, and Acts on Day 3. When is it right to disobey the authorities placed over us?
- After completing the first week of this study, how are you hoping Queen Esther's story helps you trust the story of your life God is writing?

## Week 2:

- Contrast God's way of viewing women with the world's way. How do Psalm 139:8–12 and Revelation 21:1–4 (Day 1) encourage you that while God doesn't always rescue us from peril, He is always redeeming and bringing about His purposes in His own way and time?
- In your own words, describe God's kingdom purposes for His children using the verses on page 26. Considering your own life, are there changes you want to make to fulfill God's purposes for you?
- How would you use the truths of Psalm 121:3–4 to encourage someone who is feeling alone and abandoned during a hard time? How are you personally encouraged?
- Living a life of greater simplicity and contentment like Esther is worth striving for. What would that look like in your present season of life?
- How were you encouraged through Proverbs 13:21, Matthew 16:27, and Galatians 6:7 (Day 5) that God ultimately rewards faithfulness? Were you able to apply these truths to a specific situation in your life right now?



## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Week 3:

- Through studying the history of the Amalekites, we learned Haman wouldn't exist if Saul had fully obeyed the Lord. What are some consequences of partial obedience? Share specifics if you can.
- Can you tell about a time when you or someone you know had to go against others' advice in order to please God?
- Share how you identify with any of the "Haman" tendencies of controlling people and situations, grasping for power, or erupting with anger.
- How does knowing that Satan is a defeated foe give you renewed hope for a difficulty you're facing in the present or will face in the future?
- Brainstorm ways that you and your group members can live as upstanding citizens who influence your community for good. Use the Scripture references on page 43 as a basis for your discussion.

### Week 4:

- What are practical ways Christians can dress in humility, contrition, brokenness, and mourning over our sin?
- Which of the promises of Scripture found on page 56 is most encouraging for your life at this moment? Why?
- Esther came to a point of total abandon to God's will when she said, "If I perish, I perish" (Est. 4:16). What is God asking you to humbly surrender to His will right now? How does knowing Jesus is the "King of kings and Lord of lords" (Rev. 19:16) help you trust Him more?
- What did you learn from Esther's self-control, patience, and sensitivity in responding to her husband and God that you can apply to your life?
- What is your personal response to the snapshot of today's persecuted church? Take time as a group to pray for persecuted Christians to close your time together.



## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Week 5:

- Are there situations in your life that seem to be going from bad to worse? What fresh hope do you gain by knowing that God often chooses to work in the darkest moments to show His power and glory?
- Mordecai could have been gripped by bitterness, but there's no evidence of it in his life. What damaging effects of bitterness have you personally experienced? How can Christians practically "put away" all bitterness (Eph. 4:31)?
- Can you share of a time in your life when you witnessed the split-second timing of God?
- Is discerning when to speak and when to be silent a challenge for you? What steps can we take to make the right choice?
- How does knowing "the way things are now is not the way they will always be" change how you view life? How were you comforted by the verses on page 76?

### Week 6:

- Is your prayer life rejuvenated by Esther's example in Esther 8:3–6? If so, how? What are your main obstacles to prayer? How should Christians be emboldened to approach the throne of grace with confidence (Heb. 4:16)?
- How often should we celebrate that Christ secured our freedom from sin and death through His sacrifice on the cross? Since our Deliverer has declared an edict of victory, how should this truth change the way we battle sin? (See Romans 7:24, 8:2.)
- How are you doing in your daily battle to fight against the world, the flesh, and the devil? Are there ways our group can come alongside you?
- Read Psalm 126:1–3. Take time to celebrate with each other the great things God has done in your life, family, or church. Share one example as briefly and specifically as you can.
- As you've studied Esther's story, how has your story come into a clearer focus? How have you grown in placing your hope and trust in God's providence as He orchestrates every detail of our lives and of this universe?



# You can trust God's plan.

The Old Testament book of Esther makes no reference to God, but the entire story bears the unmistakable imprint of His ways. Your faith will be strengthened as you see how God intervened to deliver His people from annihilation. God *still* masterfully orchestrates and weaves together every detail of our lives and this universe in jaw-dropping ways. Nothing and no one can thwart His plan!

In this six-week study, explore the subject of God's providence, walking verse by verse through the book of Esther. With Scripture memory, daily study, and group discussion questions, this resource is ideal for both individual and group study.



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