



PSALM 47:8

Setting The Scene

Text: Esther 1:1-22

Series: Esther, #1

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Main Lesson From The Book:

God Is faithful and active to fulfill His purposes and keep His promises.

Setting The Scene For The Book.

1. The times.
2. The style, issues and plot.
3. The main lesson.

Setting The Scene For Act 1.

1. The main characters, in order of appearance.
2. Feasting and defiance. (1:1-12)
3. Consultation and action. (1:13-22)

Lessons To Remember:

1. Pride and power can distort our view and lead to trouble.
2. Our own wisdom can be foolishness.
3. Doing what is right is sometimes punished rather than rewarded.
4. While God is not seen, He is at work.

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. We began looking at the book of Esther yesterday. Take the time to read through the book in one sitting—remember, it is under 5,500 words. As you read, focus on the overall storyline and main characters.

Tuesday. The main lesson from the book of Esther is that God is faithful and active to fulfill His purposes and keep His promises. Review your notes and any comments in a study Bible or other resources to focus on the situation of these Jewish people living in Susa. What parallels are there with Jewish people today? With Christians today?

Wednesday. Read through chapter one. Trying not to ready anything into the account, make a list of king Ahasuerus' strengths, weaknesses and mistakes. What lessons are there for us here?

Thursday. Because God is faithful and active to fulfill His purposes and keep His promises, we can have confidence even when things are not going well and God seems to be distant. Do you have a solid confidence that God will fulfill His purposes and keep His promises to you? Remember the lesson from queen Vashti— doing what is right is sometimes punished rather than rewarded.

Friday - Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at the “beauty pageant” in chapter two. Read and think through the chapter in preparation for our time together.