

ESTHER 1

“For Such a Time as This”

INTRODUCTION

ABOUT THE BOOK of ESTHER

Esther in the Canon

Esther as Literature

The Story of Esther...

The Historical Setting of Esther

- A. Susa, capital of Persia
- B. God’s Mission for Israel
- C. The period of exile
- D. Return or Remain

TEXT

Esther 1.1-9 The King’s Glory Shines

Esther 1.10-22 The King’s Anger Burns

LESSONS FROM ESTHER 1

1. Exile is an opportunity to _____

2. Exile is an opportunity to _____

3. Exile is an opportunity to _____

4. Exile is an opportunity to _____

Next week: Introduction to Esther 2

Notes and audio available as a podcast at www.seasidehb.org

Growth Group Questions

1. Use one word to describe your day.
2. Read Esther 1 together
3. What did you hear on Sunday that resonated with you the most?
4. Do you recognize Vashti's boldness? Share a time in your life when you boldly stood up for what was right.
5. Share a time in your life that you felt that you were living in exile. What verses in the Bible brought you encouragement and gave you courage during that time?
6. What is your current "for such a time is this" moment? What do you need to do in obedience to God?
7. Close your time together by praying for each other.

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Weekly Goal	\$22,195	Monthly Goal	\$95,500
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