

- Nehemiah 5:14-13:31
- Esther 1:1-7:10
- 1 Corinthians 8:1-12:26
- Psalms 33:1-36:12
- Proverbs 21:8-21:22

**Nehemiah and Esther**

Author: \_\_\_\_\_ Genre: \_\_\_\_\_

Bible Era <sup>1</sup>	Key Person	Location	Books/Theme
Return	Ezra	Jerusalem	<b>Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther:</b> Ezra leads the people back from exile to rebuild Jerusalem.

Week 33: One Year Bible Readings in Nehemiah and Ezra <sup>2</sup>			
8/13	Nehemiah 5:14-7:73	- Nehemiah defends the oppressed (cont'd) - Continued opposition to rebuilding - The builders complete the wall - Nehemiah registers the people	
8/14	Nehemiah 7:73-9:21	<b>Reforming the People</b> <i>Ezra renews the covenant</i> - Ezra reads the law - The Festival of Shelters - The people confess their sins	
8/15	Nehemiah 9:22-10:39	- The people confess their sins (cont'd) - The people agree to obey - The vow of the people	
8/16	Nehemiah 11:1-12:26	<i>Nehemiah establishes policies</i> - The people occupy Jerusalem - A history of the priests and Levites	
8/17	Nehemiah 12:27-13:31	- Dedication of Jerusalem's wall - Provisions for Temple worship - Nehemiah's various reforms	
8/18	Esther 1:1-3:15	<b>Esther becomes queen</b> - The king's banquet - Queen Vashti deposed - Esther becomes queen - Mordecai's loyalty to the king <b>The Jews are Threatened</b> - Haman's plot against the Jews	
8/19	Esther 4:1-7:10	- Mordecai requests Esther's help <b>Esther intercedes for the Jews</b> - Esther's request to the king - Haman's plan to kill Morecai - The king honors Mordecai - The king executes Haman	

Think about what you read in Nehemiah. What is the most important thing you learned from this book? What life changing application are you making?

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Reflect on Esther 1. What important decision is pending for you? What input from the group would you like for this?

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# 1 Corinthians

Author: \_\_\_\_\_ Genre: \_\_\_\_\_

Week 33: One Year Bible Readings in 1 Corinthians <sup>2</sup>		
8/13	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	<i>Instruction on Christian freedom</i> - Food sacrificed to idols
8/14	1 Corinthians 9:1-18	- Paul gives up his rights
8/15	1 Corinthians 9:19-10:13	- Paul gives up his rights (cont'd) - Warnings against idolatry
8/16	1 Corinthians 10:14-33	- Warnings against idolatry (cont'd)
8/17	1 Corinthians 11:1-16	<i>Instruction on public worship</i> - Proper worship
8/18	1 Corinthians 11:17-34	- Order at the Lord's Supper
8/19	1 Corinthians 12:1-26	- Spiritual gifts - One body with many parts

Look at 1 Corinthians 7. How has your marital status (married or single) helped you to serve Christ more effectively? How has it hindered your service?

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Favorite Verse:

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Favorite Psalm and/or Proverb:

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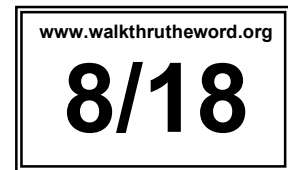
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Old Testament  
**Introduction to Esther**



*“It turns out that no God-representing men and women get killed in this story—in a dramatic turnaround, the plot fails. But millions before and after Esther have been and, no doubt will continue to be killed. There is hardly a culture or century that doesn’t eventually find a Haman determined to rid the world of evidence and reminders of God. Meanwhile, Esther continues to speak the final and definitive word. You can’t eliminate God’s people. No matter how many of them you kill, you can’t get rid of the communities of God-honoring, God-serving, God-worshipping people scattered all over the earth. This is still the final and definitive word.”*

- Eugene Peterson, The Message

**Esther:** The providence of God in the free decisions of people, especially in delivering the Jews under Xerxes; also a profile in human courage.

**Type:** History

Historical Books

	Leviticus	Deuteronomy	Ruth		1 Chronicles	2 Chronicles			Esther		
Genesis <b>1</b>	Exodus <b>2</b>	Numbers <b>3</b>	Joshua <b>4</b>	Judges <b>5</b>	1 Samuel <b>6</b>	2 Samuel <b>7</b>	1 Kings <b>8</b>	2 Kings <b>9</b>	..	Ezra <b>10</b>	Nehemiah <b>11</b>

**Author:** Unknown

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> century BC

**Content:** The book of Esther deals with a momentous event that took place after the Persians had destroyed Babylon and while many Jews were still living in the land of their captivity. The story concerns a Jewess named Esther who had become the wife of the Persian King Ahasuerus. An evil adviser to the king, named Haman, sought the destruction of the Jews in order to gain control of their wealth, but Esther tactfully intervened and saved her people from this fate. Haman was executed and after some civil strife things quieted down once more. A feast named Purim celebrated this remarkable deliverance of the Jews and it remains to this day.

**Theme:** The providence and power of God are the central points of this book. God was protecting His people even in their captivity and was working all things together for their good. God’s power is seen in the overthrow of Israel’s enemies. It is important to note that God used human beings to accomplish His purpose here, rather than doing it directly Himself. We must be ready at all times to do God’s will when He so directs.<sup>3</sup>

**Key Passages:**   ☐ 8/18 – The Story of Esther, Esther 1-10

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