



*PURSUE: Women Pursuing Christ Through His Word*  
*Summer 2024*  
*Lecture Notes*  
*Esther Lesson 1*  
*July 9, 2024*

*Significant features of the book of Esther*

*Esther 1:1-2 and 2:5-6*

*History, prophecy, and the influence of culture.*

*I. History*

*A. Interesting Facts*

- \*no mention of \_\_\_\_\_*
- \*no mention of the \_\_\_\_\_*
- \* no mention of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Abraham or the Law of \_\_\_\_\_*
- \* no mention of \_\_\_\_\_*
- \*only book not found in the \_\_\_\_\_ scrolls*

*B. Jewish history*

- \*Israel sent into \_\_\_\_\_ by their enemies because of disobedience.*
- \* Feast of Purim established in Esther as a reminder of God's \_\_\_\_\_ to them.*
- \* This oppression by Gentile nations would last until \_\_\_\_\_ comes. Luke 21:24*

*C. Persian history*

- \* After defeating the Babylonians, \_\_\_\_\_ allows the Jews to return to their land.*
- \* Media/Persia becomes the world leader with \_\_\_\_\_ being the stronger of the two.*
- \* \_\_\_\_\_ became the capital of the Persian Empire*

*II. Esther's significance in prophecy*

- A. Cyrus allowed the first Jews to return in 539 BC. \_\_\_\_\_ came to power in 486 BC, so the story of Esther takes place approximately 50-60 years later, and approximately \_\_\_\_\_ after the Jews were taken to Babylon.*
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ takes place between the first and second return of Jews to Jerusalem*
- C. Though God will return some of the people to Jerusalem after the 70 years of captivity as prophesied in Jeremiah 25:8-11, the continued domination of the \_\_\_\_\_ nations is prophesied in detail in the dreams and visions in the book of \_\_\_\_\_.*

*C. Daniel reveals God's plan to Daniel through Nebuchadnezzar's \_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel 2:31-45*

*Description of the statue:*

*Head of Gold- \_\_\_\_\_ Dan. 2:38*

*Breast and arms of silver- \_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_ 2:39*

*Belly and thighs of bronze- \_\_\_\_\_ 2:39*

*Legs of iron feet of iron and clay- \_\_\_\_\_ 2:40-43*

D. God repeats God's plan to Daniel in a dream during the reign of \_\_\_\_\_ . Daniel 7:1-28

Identification of the Beasts:

\_\_\_\_\_ with wings of an eagle-Babylon 7:4

\_\_\_\_\_ that devours- Media/Persia 7:5

\_\_\_\_\_ with 4 wings- Greece 7:6

\_\_\_\_\_ and terrifying beast- Rome 7:7

E. God reveals the second two kingdoms in a vision. Daniel 8:1-27

\_\_\_\_\_ with two horns- Media/Persia Daniel 8:20

\_\_\_\_\_ - Greece 8:21

F. God reveals the last two kingdoms including the last reign of \_\_\_\_\_ before the end. Daniel 9:20-12:13

Might King of \_\_\_\_\_ 11:2-4 Alexander the Great

\_\_\_\_\_ person 11:21 Antiochus Epiphanes

The King that will do as he \_\_\_\_\_ 11:36 Antichrist