

ESTHER: YOU WERE MADE FOR THIS MOMENT

1: THE GOD WHO IS THERE—ESTHER 1:1-2:20

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I. ESTHER IS A LIVING BREATHING ILLUSTRATION OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Romans 8:28 (NLT)

I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.

Jeremiah 29:11 (MSG)

II. KING XERXES AND QUEEN VASHTI—ESTHER 1:1-22

1. A powerful king (v.1-2)

2. A lavish party (v.3-9)

3. A risqué request (v.10-12)

4. A queen deposed (v.13-18)

5. A decree issued (v.19-22)

III. ESTHER BECOMES THE NEW QUEEN—ESTHER 2:1-20

- 1. A lonely king (v.1)**
- 2. A plan to replace Vashti (v.2-4)**
- 3. A Jewish man and his orphaned cousin (v.5-7)**
- 4. Esther becomes the new queen (v.8-20)**

IV. “TAKE AWAYS” FROM ESTHER 1:1-2:20

- 1. God can work through the most mundane and even ungodly events—Look for Him!**
- 2. God’s plans are not foiled by disappointment and brokenness—Trust Him!**
- 3. God uses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things—Believe Him!**