Lesson 1—Trusting God’s Promises
Ezra 1, 2

I. God’s Promises (Josh. 24:20; 2 Chron. 36:15, 16; Jer. 32:37–44)
   A. God’s promises of ________________ (Josh. 24:20; 2 Chron. 36:15, 16)
   B. God’s promises of ________________ (Jer. 32:37–44)

II. God’s ________ to Keep His Promises (Ezra 1:1–5)

III. God’s ______________ for His Promises (Ezra 1:6–11)

IV. The Recipients of God’s Promises (Ezra 2)
   A. The _______ of returnees (2:1–67)
   B. The ________________ of the returnees (2:68–70)
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Ezra 3

I. Following God (Ezra 3:1–9)

A. Purpose to ___________ God (3:1)

B. _______ God (3:2, 3)

C. _______ God’s _______ (3:2, 4–6)

D. _______ God (3:7–9)

II. Finding Joy (Ezra 3:10–13)

A. Recognize the ___________ ___ _____ (3:10, 11)

B. Lay aside _____________ (3:12, 13)
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Ezra 4

I. Deception (Ezra 4:1–3)
   A. Practiced by Israel’s ___________ (4:1, 2)
   B. Perceived by Israel’s ___________ (4:3)

II. Discouragement (Ezra 4:4, 5)
   A. ___________ (4:4, 5a)
   B. ___________ (4:5b)

III. Dishonesty (4:6–24)
   A. Trumped-up ___________ (4:6–16)
   B. Tragic ______________________ (4:17–24)
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Ezra 5:1—6:15

I. Construction of the Temple Resumed (Ezra 5:1–5)
   A. The __________ from God’s __________ (5:1–4)
   B. The _______ of God’s ______________ (5:5)

II. Construction of the Temple Continued (Ezra 5:6—6:12)
   A. An official __________ (5:6–17)
   B. A royal ______________________ (6:1–12)

III. Construction of the Temple Completed (Ezra 6:13–15)
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Ezra 6:16–22

I. Celebrating the Dedication of the Temple (Ezra 6:16, 17)

A. A _______ celebration (6:16)

B. A _______ celebration (6:16, 17)

II. Celebrating the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Ezra 6:18–22)

A. Reinstatement of the ________________ (6:18)

B. Observance of the ___________ (6:19–21)

C. Observance of the _______ ___ _______________ _____ (6:22)
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Ezra 7

I. Ezra’s Return (Ezra 7:1–26)
   A. A __________________ ______ (7:1–9)
   
   B. A ____________ ________ (7:10)
   
   C. A ____________ ________ ______ (7:11–26)

II. Ezra’s Response (Ezra 7:27, 28)
   A. ____________ God (7:27, 28a)
   
   B. ________________ ___ God (7:28b)
Lesson 7—A Journey without Incident
Ezra 8

I. Personnel for the Journey (Ezra 8:1–20)

A. ________________ (8:1–14)

B. ________________ (8:15–20)

II. Preparation for the Journey (Ezra 8:21–30)

A. ____________ ______________ before God (8:21)

B. ____________ God (8:22–30)

III. Departure and Arrival (Ezra 8:31–36)

A. ________________ on the ________________ (8:31–34)

B. ________________ at the ____________ (8:35, 36)
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I. The Leaders’ Report (Ezra 9:1, 2)
   A. About a major ____________ (9:1, 2a)
   B. About major ________________ (9:2b)

II. Ezra’s Response (Ezra 9:3–15)
   A. ____________ (9:3, 4)
   B. ________________ (9:5–15)

III. Israel’s Revival (Ezra 10)
   A. ________________ (10:1)
   B. ________________ (10:2)
   C. ________________ (10:3–44)
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I. Historical Setting of Esther

II. A Defiant Queen (Esther 1:1–22)
   A. A __________ and a ________ (1:1–9)
   B. A ______________________ ________ (1:10–22)

III. A Diligent Quest (Esther 2:1–4)

IV. A Delightful Queen (Esther 2:5–20)
   A. Esther’s life in the _______ of Mordecai (2:5–7)
   B. Esther’s life in the _______ of Hegai (2:8–15)
   C. Esther’s life in the _______ of Ahasuerus (2:16–20)
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I. An Assassination Plot Discovered (Esther 2:21–23)

II. An Agagite’s Passion Disclosed (Esther 3:1–6)
   A. Haman’s _______________ (3:1)
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III. An Annihilation Plan Decreed (Esther 3:7–15)
   A. The _____________ of the _____ (3:7)
   B. The _____________ of the _____ (3:8–14)
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I. Esther’s Interchange with Mordecai (Esther 4:1–17)
   A. Mordecai’s ___________ (4:1–9)

   B. Esther’s ________________ (4:10–12)

   C. Mordecai’s _____________ to __________ (4:13, 14)

   D. Esther’s ____________ (4:15–17)

II. Esther before Ahasuerus (Esther 5:1–8)
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I. The Haughtiness of Haman (Esther 5:9–14)
   A. His _______ (5:9–13)
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II. The Humbling of Haman (Esther 6:1–14)
   A. His _______ (6:1–9)
   B. His ___________________ (6:10–14)

III. The Hanging of Haman (Esther 7:1–10)
   A. His ___________________ (7:1–6)
   B. His ___________ (7:7–10)
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Esther 8—10

I. The Decree of Ahasuerus Enacted (Esther 8:1–17)
   A. The ____________ of _______ and ____________ (8:1, 2)
   
   B. The ____________ of the _______ (8:3–13)
   
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II. The ______ of Israel Executed (Esther 9:1–19)

III. The _____ of ________ Established (Esther 9:20–32)

IV. The _____ of Mordecai Extolled (Esther 10:1–3)