



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)



Lesson 2—Following God, Finding Joy

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)



Lesson 3—Just When Everything Was Going So Well!

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)



Lesson 4—Back to Work!

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)



Lesson 5—Dedicated to God

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)



Lesson 6—Traveling with Guidebook in Hand

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)



Lesson 8—Rebellion and Revival

Ezra 9; 10

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)



Lesson 9—Behind the Scenes Preparation

Esther 1:1—2:20

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)



Lesson 10—The Giver of Hope

Esther 2:21—3:15

I. An Assassination Plot Discovered (Esther 2:21–23)

II. An Agagite's Passion Disclosed (Esther 3:1–6)

A. Haman's _____ (3:1)

B. Haman's _____ (3:2–5)

C. Haman's _____ (3:6)

III. An Annihilation Plan Decreed (Esther 3:7–15)

A. The _____ of the _____ (3:7)

B. The _____ of the _____ (3:8–14)

C. The _____ in the _____ (3:15)



Lesson 11—Courage to Answer God’s Call

Esther 4:1—5:8

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)



Lesson 12—The Perils of Pride
Esther 5:9—7:10

I. The Haughtiness of Haman (Esther 5:9–14)

A. His _____ (5:9–13)

B. His _____ (5:14)

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)



Lesson 13—Celebrating God

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)

C. The _____ of the _____ (8:14–17)

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)