

# OLD TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

## ESTHER

### Lesson 32

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# Background

- Authorship: unknown
- Date: 400's – 300's B.C.
- King *Ahasuerus* = *Xerxes?* *Artaxerxes II?*
  - Persian *Khshayarshan*
- LXX peculiarity

# Themes

- No Reference To God, Praying, Praising Or Worshiping
- God's Care for His People
- God's Answering Prayer
- God's Providence

# *Purim*

- *Purim* as a festival
- Haman, Mordecai and razzers
- *Pur* a die. *Purim* = dice



# Esther

Andrea Del Castagno c. 1450

Esther  
Preparing to  
Intercede With  
Ahasuerus

Rembrandt c. 1633

Nat. Gall.

Ottawa, Canada





Esther Before Ahasuerus - Claude Vignon (Louvre) 1624



## Esther Before Ahasuerus

Nicolas Poussin 1640s (The Hermitage – St Petersburg)



# Esther Before Ahasuerus

Sebastiano Ricci

1730's

(London National Gallery)



# The Triumph of Mordecai

Pieter Lastman 1624

(Museum het Rembrandthuis –  
Amsterdam)



# The Banquet of Esther and Ahasuerus

Jan Victors 1640s

# Points For Home

1. God Is In Control
2. You and I Were Made For A Purpose
3. God Takes Care of His People
4. Step Out In Faith, No Telling How God Will Use You.