



Jesus, the King of kings – Pastor Justin Ross

Esther 1:1-9

Some fast facts about the book:

One of the last Old Testament books.

- Written about 2,500 years ago.
- We don't know who the author is.
- It's difficult to interpret.

Xerxes the great

- The great Persian king
- At this time, he is in his mid-30s.
- Very wealthy, very affluent
- A lot is written about Xerxes by the historian Herodotus.

The empire

- Darius (Xerxes' father) was a legendary king who ruled 36 years.
- Xerxes reigned over 127 provinces (Roughly three million square miles).
- Lived in Susa ... modern-day Iran.
- In this day, kings were like gods.

The palace

- Two palaces – that's a pretty rich dude.
- On a hill so he could look down on all.

The military

- He was well-protected (10k Immortals, 2k horsemen, 2k lancers).
- Army = a few million soldiers.

The throne

- Beautiful, enormous, high & lifted up.

Like a god.

- His throne would be carried into battle.
- When people passed before his throne, they were to bow to him like a god.

The party of all parties

- Xerxes threw a six-month party.
- Over 15 thousand people participated.
- It's all about his glory.

Where is the true God in all this?

- God is never mentioned in the book. It's a Godless book.
- Does your life feel like the story of Esther? God is nowhere to be found.
- God is in the book of Esther (think silhouette).
- History is not circumstance, happenstance or chance.

Jesus is a better King

- Good news = There's another King, Esther is not the only book of the Bible – it's part of a storyline that leads to a greater King.
- Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus walked in our shoes. Jesus came to serve. Jesus honored women. Jesus died for His enemies, etc., etc.

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 of a greater Kingdom!**

**We serve the King of all kings –
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