

Esther: God at Work Behind the Scenes

	GRAVE DANGER		GREAT DELIVERANCE	
Themes	Conflict	Persecution	Preservation	Celebration
Chapters	1-2	3-4	5-7	8-10
Key People	Queen Esther (2:17)	Cunning Haman (3:8-9)	Humiliated Haman (7:6-7)	Exalted Mordecai (10:3)
Key Events	Esther replaces Vashti (2:17) as queen	Haman (3:6) plots to destroy the Jews	Esther acts to save the Jews (7:3)	Jews celebrate (9:28) God's deliverance
Feasts and Fasts	Xerxes' Feast (1:1-3)	Esther's Fast (4:15-16)	Esther's Feast (5:5)	Feast of Purim (9:28)
Time	483-479 BC	479-473	473	473
Place	P e r s i a			

Nehemiah: God at Work in a Place and a People

	REBUILDING THE WALLS (1-7)			REBUILDING THE PEOPLE (8-13)	
Themes	<i>Construction:</i> Physical Security			<i>Instruction:</i> Spiritual Purity	
Chapters	1-2	3-4	5-7	8-10	11-13
Key People	Nehemiah, Artaxerxes	Nehemiah, priest, Sanballat, Tobiah	Nehemiah, officials, opposition, Shemaiah	Nehemiah, Ezra, Levites	Nehemiah, Eliashib, merchants
Key Events	Work Planned	Work begun and opposed	Work threatened and finished	<i>Consecration:</i> Revival of the People	<i>Cleansing:</i> Reform of the Nation
Time	445 BC	445 BC	445-444 BC	444 BC	432 BC
Place	J e r u s a l e m				