

Esther Overview

Setting

Picture this as a movie. Identify the main actors, supporting actors, and the one unnamed character. This is a story filled with irony and reversals. Pay attention for the reversals. Some reversals come quickly; others take a while to happen. Whose backstories are available? See 1 Samuel 15.

Pay attention to the location of each scene and the details that are given. Look for when those details get repeated.

Conflict

Who is the main conflict between? What are the options available to solving this conflict? What smaller conflicts help to propel the main conflict forward? There is only one time we know what a character is thinking. How do his thoughts add to the irony of that part of the story?

Resolution

What is the final outcome? What happens to each of the main characters? What hope is offered through this story? How can this lesson of hope affect God's people today? What does this story teach us about the main character who was never mentioned by name?