# 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

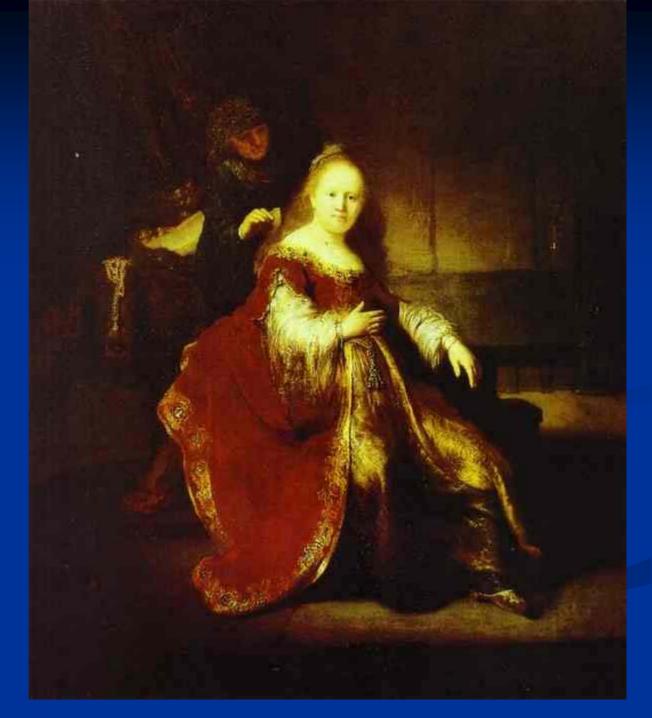




Andrea Del Castagno c. 1450

Esther Preparing to Intercede With Ahasuerus

Rembrandt c. 1633 Nat. Gall. Ottawa, Canada



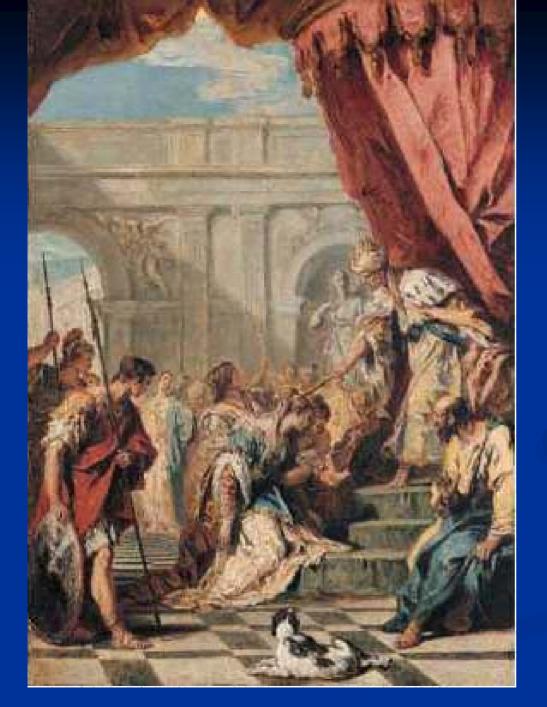


Esther Before Ahasuerus - Claude Vignon (Louvre) 1624



#### 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 – Amsteradam)



### 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
- Step Out In Faith, No Telling How God Will Use You.