

Tips:

- God orchestrates the mundane events of our lives to cause outcomes of His choosing. God may be out of our sight, but we are never out of His sight.
- For the king’s safety, only those with permission could come into the inner court. Typically, people waited until the king sent word to come to him. If they came uninvited, they would be killed unless the king extended the golden scepter to them. This pictures Christ as our golden scepter allowing us to approach God.

Days 225-231 - One Story Readings

Day	Reading	Look for:
225	Esther 3 Esther 4 Pro 21:1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why Haman hated Mordecai • Esther’s risky decision • Who holds a king’s heart
226	Esther 5 Esther 6 Esther 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esther’s first request • Why the king honored Mordecai • How Esther revealed Haman’s plot
227	Esther 8 Esther 9 Esther 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the second decree protected the Jews • The meaning of the feast of Purim
228	Ezra 1 2Chr 36:15-23 Isa 45:1-7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why King Cyrus rebuilt the temple • Who prophesied about the rebuilding • Why God used Cyrus
229	Ezra 2 Jer 29:10-14 Psa 126	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why some were excluded • What it takes to find God
230	Ezra 3 Ezra 4 Eph 2:19-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What they did before building • Who opposed building the temple • How believers serve as the temple
231	day off	