Esther: An Introduction and Commentary

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Esther. (31-1) Introduction. Esther’s beauty was such that it could catch and hold the eye of an oriental emperor accustomed to being surrounded by loveliness. Combined with physical charms were qualities of spirit that revealed that she had inward beauty as well. The qualities were loyalty, love, and dedication. Instructions to Students. Use Notes and Commentary below to help you as you read and study the book of Esther. Complete Points to Ponder as directed by your teacher. (Individual-study students should complete all of this section.) Notes and Commentary on Esther. (31-2) Esther 1:1â€“12. Who Was King Ahasuerus? Introduction to the Old Testament, 1087. The epilogue in Esther 10:1-2 is understood to be a reference to his death like those in the books of Kings and Chronicles. 10 Ibid., 1097-98. 11 John A. Martin, Esther, in The Bible Knowledge Commentary, 699. 12 R. K. Harrison. Introduction to the Old Testament, 1088. 13 Ibid., 1090. Hill and Walton affirm that analysis of the Hebrew language used in the book indicates that it is older than the second century B.C. (Andrew E. Hill and John H. Walton, A Survey of the Old Testament, 238). This is because the Greek additions were already in the LXX (second ESTHER RESOURCES Esther Commentary, Sermon, Illustration, Devotional. Chronological relationship of ezra-nehemiah-esther. 538-515BC. The rejection of a Gentile queen, the choice of Esther, and the finding of the records led finally to the exaltation of Mordecai and the sparing of the Jewish race. Providence is not blind fate. The word "providence" means, "foresight coupled with activity."