

Esther Placed in a Position of Prominence

The first major section of the book describes the need for God's deliverance of His people, and the background of that deliverance. Undoubtedly many of the original readers, like readers today, would be helped by knowing the background of the story. The human author described in some detail the setting of the Persian banquet and the reasons **Esther** came into such a prominent position. Besides carefully conveying historical facts, the author was also a very good narrator.⁸