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## Encounter Lesson 6

What does Isaiah 43:2 say?

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### **Read Time Period Overview (Pages 84-85)**

1. The southern kingdom of Judah lasted a little longer but was \_\_\_\_\_ by the Babylonians, who took the people captive and made them slaves.
2. They were now called \_\_\_\_\_ because their homeland was Judah.
3. Judas \_\_\_\_\_ and his brothers led an uprising that Jews still celebrate now, every Hanukkah.
4. The Maccabeans rededicated the Temple to God, celebrating with songs and thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_ days (2 Maccabees 10:1-8).

### **Read DIVE IN (Pages 86-87)**

5. What order did the following happen in?  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ Daniel miraculously survived when the hungry lions refused to touch him.  
\_\_\_\_\_ The king issued new laws that made praying to another god punishable.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other advisors convinced the king that he, the king, was a god.  
\_\_\_\_\_ The king sent Daniel to certain death in the lion's den for worshipping God.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Daniel's enemies pounced, accusing him of breaking the king's new laws.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Daniel became an important advisor to King Nebuchadnezzar.
6. Daniel's story shows \_\_\_\_\_ faithfulness even in dark, terrible times.
7. Upon their return, God sent \_\_\_\_\_ and great leaders like Haggai, Ezra, and Nehemiah.
8. What does Nehemiah 8:10 say?

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**Read Biblical Character Profile (Page 90-91)**

9. The words of St. Paul to St. Timothy (2 Timothy 1:7): God has given us a spirit of:
- a. "joy and perfection and judgment"
  - b. "power and love and self-control"
  - c. "pride and strength and manipulation"

10. What order did the following happen in?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Haman, a powerful advisor to the king, gave an order to kill all Jews.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Esther approached King Cyrus without invitation (risking her life).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Esther asked the king to spare the Jews and he did. Esther saved the Jews.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Esther, a Jew, became the queen of Persia when she married King Cyrus.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Esther sent a message to her cousin Mordecai to gather all Jews for a fast.

11. These stories remind us that \_\_\_\_\_ and fasting – both our own and that of others – can give us great courage.

12. Rate the Biblical Character Profile: **Esther**



**Read Living It Out (Page 92)**

	YES	MAYBE	NO
Will you be consistent in prayer, even if things go badly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will you be patient and grow in trust during tough times?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will you be prophetic and listen for God's voice to guide others?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Wordplay (Page 93)**

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\_\_\_\_\_ To be forced from your native home and have to live somewhere else. During this period, God's people were conquered by their enemies and led away from the Promised Land.

\_\_\_\_\_ Individuals chosen by God to proclaim God's will to the people and call everyone to live according to the covenant.