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Encounter Lesson 6

What does Isaiah 43:2 say?

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?

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?	☐	☐	☐
Will you be patient and grow in trust during tough times?	☐	☐	☐
Will you be prophetic and listen for God's voice to guide others?	☐	☐	☐

Wordplay (Page 93)

_____	exile	_____	prophets
_____	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.		