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And the king gave a great banquet, Esther's banquet, for all his nobles and officials. He proclaimed a holiday throughout the provinces and distributed gifts with royal liberality.



Esther 1:8 NIV

By the king's command each guest was allowed to drink with no restrictions, for the king instructed all the wine stewards to serve each man what he wished.



Esther 1:19 NIV

“Therefore, if it pleases the king, let him issue a royal decree and let it be written in the laws of Persia and Media, which cannot be repealed, that Vashti is never again to enter the presence of King Xerxes. Also let the king give her royal position to someone else who is better than she.



Ezra 1:1 NIV

In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia,
in order to fulfill the word of the
LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD
moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia
to make a proclamation throughout his
realm and also to put it in writing:



Ezra 1:2-3 NIV

2 “This is what Cyrus king of Persia says:

“ ‘The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah. 3 Any of his people among you may go up to Jerusalem in Judah and build the temple of the LORD, the God of Israel, the God who is in Jerusalem, and may their God be with them.



Ezra 2:64-65 NIV

64 The whole company numbered 42,360, 65 besides their 7,337 male and female slaves; and they also had 200 male and female singers.



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She pleased him and won his favor. Immediately he provided her with her beauty treatments and special food. He assigned to her seven female attendants selected from the king's palace and moved her and her attendants into the best place in the harem.



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Luke 1:26-29 NIV

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.



I. It Gives Us
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Psalm 75:6-7 NIV

No one from the east or the west
or from the desert can exalt themselves.

It is God who judges:

He brings one down, he exalts another.



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Proverbs 16:9 NIV



In their hearts humans plan their course,
but the LORD establishes their steps.



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11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.



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Romans 8:28 NIV



And we know that in all things
God works for the good of those
who love him, who have been
called according to his purpose.



III. It Takes Us From
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Romans 11:36 NIV



For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen.