

Sessions of Uppity Women of the Bible: ESTHER

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Reading Esther

To familiarize yourself with the story it would be helpful to read the entire book of Esther before beginning the study. After viewing the first session's DVD segment, read the book of Esther together as a class. While having a variety of versions available for comparison is good, it might be helpful to read from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), the version from which Dr. Wolfe will be working.

NOTE: In Jewish tradition, the book of Esther is read as a part of the celebration of Purim. During the course of the story, whenever the name of the character Haman is read, everyone boos and uses noisemakers called "graggers" to blot out even the sound of his name.

Your Guide through Esther:

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