

1. Describe the situation for the people of Bethulia and that to which they had resigned themselves.
2. In what ways is the woman Judith both unusual and typical as a storybook character introduced at this point in the story?
3. Read Judith's prayer in chapter 9. What stands out for you in her pleas/plan? What do you think especially stood out for the original audience?
4. How is Judith's prayer "evangelical?"
5. What are the implications of this session's material for your personal life? Your spiritual journey? For your local faith community?

