

Esther Part 1: Who is Leading Your Story?
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Providence

prov·i·dence

noun

the protective care of God.

preparation for future eventualities.

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Psalm 37:23 (ESV)

²³The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way;

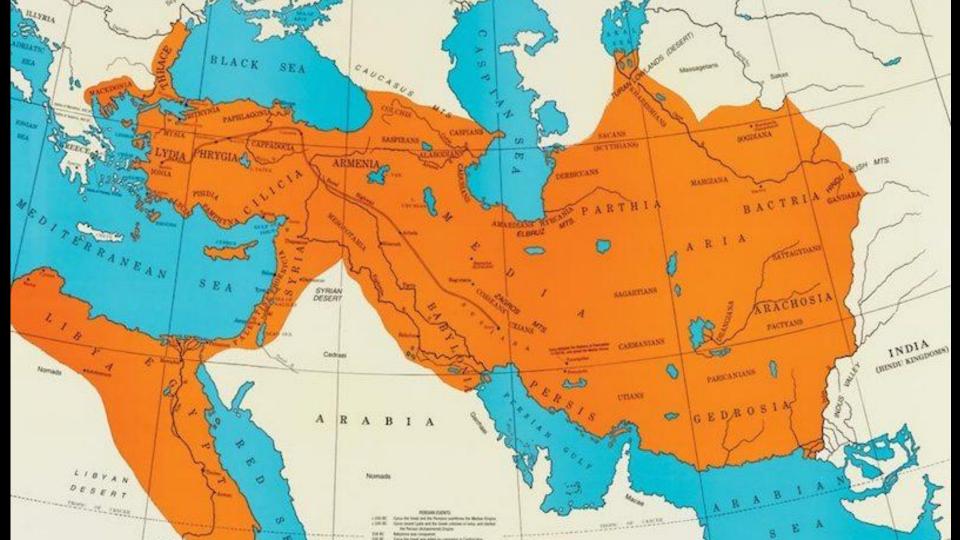
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Romans 8:28 (ESV)

²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

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Proverbs 21.1

The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will.

2. God is present in your story

- A Tragic Past
- An Uncertain Present





Acts 17.24-27

²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. 26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,

Listen to council God places beside you

Proverbs 12:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.

- Listen to council God places beside you
- Learn from wise advice

Proverbs 19:20 (ESV)

²⁰ Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future.

- Listen to council God places beside you
- Learn from wise advice
- Trust God's Providence



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