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## God's Promises in Esther

1. 1:20 - "And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great,) all the wives shall give to their husbands honour, both to great and small."
2. This verse reflects the king's authority and power, but it also sets the stage for the conflict that will arise later in the book when the king issues a decree that threatens the Jewish people.
3. 2:17 - "And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti."
4. This verse highlights God's providential hand in Esther's rise to become queen. Even though the book does not explicitly mention God, his unseen hand is clearly at work in the events that unfold.
5. 4:14 - "For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"
6. This verse contains Mordecai's famous exhortation to Esther to use her position as queen to intercede for her people. It shows God's faithfulness to his people even in the face of grave danger, and it reminds us that he can work through human agents to accomplish his purposes.
7. 5:2 - "And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre."
8. This verse shows God's providential care for Esther, as the king extends his sceptre to her in a gesture of favor and acceptance. It also sets the stage for Esther's eventual request to the king to spare her people: 6:1-2 - "On that night the king could not sleep. And he gave orders to bring the book of memorable deeds, the chronicles, and they were read before the king. And it was found written how Mordecai had told about Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, who guarded the threshold, and who had sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus."

9. This passage shows how God worked behind the scenes to bring about the downfall of Haman and the rescue of the Jewish people. By causing the king to lose sleep and order the chronicles to be read, God reminded the king of Mordecai's loyalty and helped set the stage for Haman's downfall.
10. 8:16-17 - "The Jews had light and gladness and joy and honor. And in every province and in every city, wherever the king's command and his edict reached, there was gladness and joy among the Jews, a feast and a holiday."
11. These verses highlight the fulfillment of God's promise to deliver his people from their enemies. The joy and celebration that followed the Jews' victory over their enemies showed God's faithfulness to his people even in the midst of great danger.
12. 9:26-28 - "Therefore they called these days Purim, after the term Pur. Therefore, because of all that was written in this letter, and of what they had faced in this matter, and of what had happened to them, the Jews firmly obligated themselves and their offspring and all who joined them, that without fail they would keep these two days according to what was written and at the time appointed every year."
13. These verses show how God's faithfulness to his people inspired them to commit themselves to celebrate Purim every year. The celebration of Purim served as a reminder of God's deliverance and faithfulness to his people, and it helped them to remain faithful to him in the years to come.
14. Overall, the book of Esther does not contain explicit promises from God, but it does demonstrate his sovereignty and faithfulness to his people, even in the midst of difficult circumstances.