

ESTHER AND EZRA: LESSON 18



It was all pomp and circumstance in the Persian royal court, with everyone in their proper order and place. Here, on a relief from Persepolis Darius I, stern of face, sits on his throne with scepter in hand to receive a visitor who approaches with a rather cowed demeanor. Darius's son and successor, Xerxes, the Ahasuerus of the Book of Esther, stands behind the throne, learning well the rights and privileges of authority.

