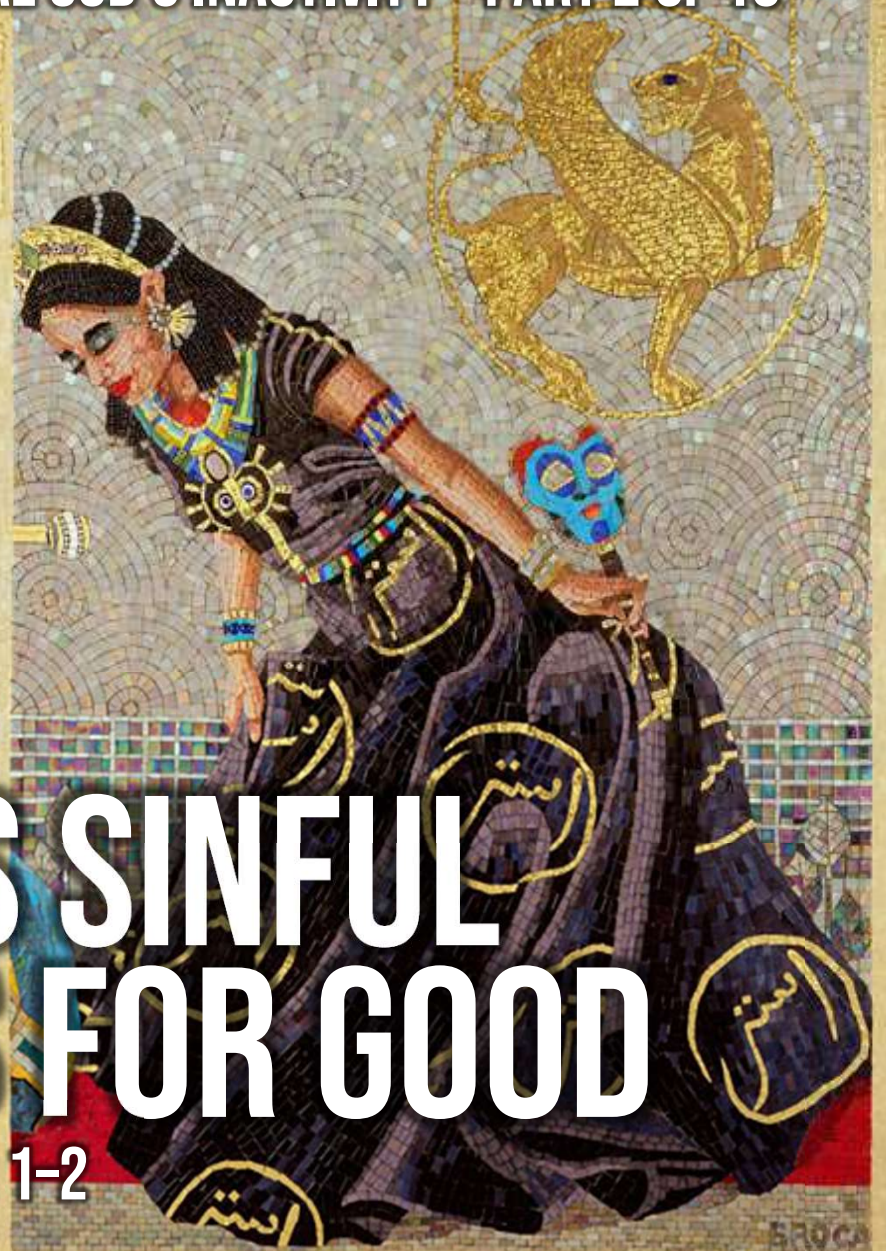


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- God always works for the good of his people regardless of the circumstances – Romans 8:28; James 1:12; 5:11; Genesis 50:20.
- Everyone in Esther 1 and 2 displays moral failure: Ahasuerus, Vashti, Mordecai, and Esther.
  - Ahasuerus is prideful, sensuous, and wrathful.
  - Vashti (Amestris?) may be virtuous or vindictive.
  - Mordecai tells Esther to conceal her heritage.
  - Esther hides her identity and marries a gentile.
- God does not condone sinful activity, but it cannot thwart his ultimate purpose – Acts 2:22–24; Romans 3:8; Ephesians 3:20–21.
- God is at work – 1 Timothy 1:12–17; James 1:3–4.

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