



## *Esther: Queen For Such A Time As This.*

### **Lesson Two: Ahasuerus and Vashti**

#### **Royal Feasts in Persia (Esther 1:1-9)**

1. How widespread was Ahasuerus' reign? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Where was the throne of the king's kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_
3. The first feast:
  - a. In the third year of his reign, who was to feast with the king? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What was the purpose of the feast? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. How long did the feast last? \_\_\_\_\_
4. The second feast:
  - a. This immediately followed the first feast.
  - b. How long did this feast last? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Who was invited to this feast? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Where was the feast held? \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Describe the furnishings. \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. How much wine was served? \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. Did everyone have to partake of the king's wine? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Vashti's Feast:
  - a. Who was invited to this feast? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Where was this feast? \_\_\_\_\_

## Queen Vashti Refuses The King's Command (Esther 1:10-22)

1. It was on the seventh day of the seven day feast that the King's heart was merry with \_\_\_\_\_.
2. What command is given to the seven eunuchs and to Vashti? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Vashti \_\_\_\_\_ the King's command.
4. How did the King feel about the refusal? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where does Ahasuerus go for advice? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What is the primary concern of the "wise" men? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. The King decrees that Vashti would come no \_\_\_\_\_ before  
\_\_\_\_\_.
8. Why is this decree made known throughout the empire? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. What is the significance of the laws of the Persians and the Medes? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Discussion Questions:

1. What was Ahasuerus' focus when he had feasts (multiple things)?
2. Why did the King order Vashti to come before his friends?
3. What was the feast like when Vashti was ordered to appear?
4. How could being drunk affect your judgment?
5. Could drunken partying be a danger to you, even if you don't drink?
6. Where should you seek advice?
7. Could pride make you refuse to see you own fault or unreasonableness?
8. How might friends with bad motives influence you?
9. What care should be used when making a decision that cannot be changed?