

Welcome to: - Bible House of Grace.



God, through His Son Jesus, provides eternal grace for our failures and human limitations.

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The Bible not only reveals God's eternal plans purposes and promises
But also shows how you can know God for yourself.

Teach it, don't demand it.

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(A brief overview of the main topics).

Topics.

- King Ahasuerus gives a 180 day feast for all the nobles and his officials.
- King Ahasuerus gives a 7 day feast for all the people.
- The king commands Queen Vashti to show the people her beauty.
- Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command.
- The king, give a royal order that Vashti is never again to come before King.

INTRODUCTION: this is a brilliant story of the great faith of a young humble Jewish woman who became Queen of the Persian Empire that has a beautiful twist at the end and that clearly shows that God's sovereign hand is not only upon the Jewish nation, but also upon the secular nations to bring about his eternal plans and purposes. The primary focus of this study is upon the core beauty of the story and not upon the detail of the places or the history of it.

The book of Esther never mentions God's name, yet God is clearly orchestrating all its events. Esther, a Jew living among the exiles in Persia and became Queen of the Empire in about 480 B.C. Haman, a Persian official, sought to eradicate the Jewish minority, but God had prepared Esther for such a time as this (4:14) to save His covenant people.

The book was written some decades later to document the origins of the Jewish observance of Purim. Purim celebrates Israel's survival and God's faithfulness. The author is unknown, but some believe it could have been Esther's cousin Mordecai, a key person in the book, or perhaps Ezra or Nehemiah. Throughout the book we see God's sovereign hand preserving his people, showing that all is under his control.

NOTE: for information of people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

The story: King Ahasuerus reigned from Susa the capital over one-hundred and twenty-seven provinces from India to Ethiopia. In the third year of the king's reign he sat on his royal throne in Susa, the capital and gave a feast for all his officials and his servants and the army of Persia and Media, the nobles and governors of the provinces for one-hundred and eighty days.

When this feast had ended the king gave a feast for all the people (both great and small) for seven days in the court of the garden of his palace to show his greatness. On the seventh day of this feast the king merry with wine commanded his servants to bring Queen Vashti with her royal crown before him in order to show the people her beauty, for she was lovely to look at. But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command and the king became enraged, and his anger burned within him.

The king's wise men said to the king Queen Vashti has not only done wrong against the king, but has also done wrong against all those attending the feast and now all women will look to their husbands with contempt so a law was made that: -

- Vashti would never again go before the king.
- Her royal position would be given to another.
- All women will give honor to their husbands.

These laws were scripted in all the different languages of the people and the king had them sent as royal letters to all the provinces in his kingdom.

Susa: is in Iran between Ur and Babylon.

Ethiopia: is in Africa.

India: is on the east boundary of the Persian Empire.

Ahasuerus: is also spelt Xerxes and have their setting around 473 BC.

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