

Esther

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This book contains the account of Esther, the queen of Persia, protecting the Jewish people from Haman, who wanted to destroy them. We call this book Esther

The king of Persia deposed his queen

1 King Xerxes ruled w
a empire which w had 127 provinces.
It extended from
India w in w the
w east to Ethiopia w
in w w
west w. 2 He ruled
the empire w while w
w he w lived in
the capital city,
Susa. 3 During the
third year that
he ruled his
empire, he invited
all his administrators
and w other officials
to a big
banquet/feast. He
invited all the
commanders of the
armies of Persia
and Media to
come to the
banquet. He also
invited the governors
and other leaders
of the provinces. 4 w
The w w
celebration w
lasted for six
months. During that
time the king
showed his guests
all his wealth

and|strong = "H3967" other|strong = "H0312" things|strong = "H1420"
 that|strong = "H7200" showed|strong = "H7200" how|strong = "H4100"
 great|strong = "H7227" his|strong = "H7200" kingdom|strong = "H4438"
 was|strong = "H3117" (OR|strong = "H3117", how|strong = "H4100"
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5At|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605" end|strong = "H4390"
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 invited|strong = "H7121" to|strong = "H5704" the|strong = "H3605"
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 men|strong = "H1419" who|strong = "H3605" worked|strong = "H6213"
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 including|strong = "H5704" those|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H3605"
 had|strong = "H4428" important|strong = "H5704" jobs and|strong = "H4428"
 those|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H3605" had|strong = "H4428"
 unimportant jobs. w This|strong = "H6213" w* w
 celebration|strong = "H8057" w* lasted|strong = "H1961"
 for|strong = "H5704" seven|strong = "H7651" days|strong = "H3117".
 It|strong = "H6213" was|strong = "H3117" in|strong = "H6213"
 the|strong = "H3605" courtyard|strong = "H2691" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H3605" palace|strong = "H1002" in|strong = "H6213"
 Susa|strong = "H7800". 6 w In|strong = "H5921" w* w
 the|strong = "H5921" w* w courtyard|strong = "H2691" w*
 were|strong = "H5921" beautiful|strong = "H3303" blue|strong = "H8504"
 and|strong = "H3701" white|strong = "H2353" curtains|strong = "H3407"
 that|strong = "H3701" were|strong = "H5921" fastened|strong = "H8628"
 by|strong = "H5921" white|strong = "H2353" and|strong = "H3701"
 purple|strong = "H8504" cords|strong = "H2256"/ribbons to|strong = "H5921"
 rings|strong = "H1550" that|strong = "H3701" were|strong = "H5921"
 on|strong = "H5921" pillars|strong = "H5982" made|strong = "H6213"
 from|strong = "H5921" expensive w white|strong = "H2353" w* w
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 top|strong = "H5921" of|strong = "H5982" it|strong = "H5921"
 designs|strong = "H4284" made|strong = "H6213" from|strong = "H5921"

various|strong = "H2921" kinds|strong = "H2178" of|strong = "H5982"
 expensive stones|strong = "H7531". ⁷ w The|strong = "H3027" w* w
 guests|strong = "H7121" w* drank|strong = "H8354" wine|strong = "H3196"
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 Each|strong = "H0376" cup|strong = "H3563" had|strong = "H4428"
 a|strong = "H3027" different|strong = "H8133" design|strong = "H6699"
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 was|strong = "H4428" a|strong = "H6213" lot|strong = "H1486"
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 the|strong = "H3605" guests|strong = "H7121" to|strong = "H5921"
 drink|strong = "H8354" as|strong = "H6213" much|strong = "H7227"
 as|strong = "H6213" they|strong = "H3588" wanted|strong = "H2654".
 But|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428"
 told|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H3605" servants|strong = "H5650"
 that|strong = "H3588" they|strong = "H3588" should|strong = "H3588"
 not|strong = "H6213" force|strong = "H2394" anyone|strong = "H3605"
 to|strong = "H5921" drink|strong = "H8354" more|strong = "H7227"
 than|strong = "H5921" he|strong = "H3588" wanted|strong = "H2654".

9w At|strong = "H1004" w* w the|strong = "H6213" w* w
 same|strong = "H1931" w* w time|strong = "H6256" w*, w
 the|strong = "H6213" w* w king's|strong = "H4428" w* w
 wife|strong = "H0802" w*, Queen|strong = "H4436" Vashti|strong = "H2060",
 invited|strong = "H7121" the|strong = "H6213" wives|strong = "H0802"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H6213" men|strong = "H6213"
 who|strong = "H4428" worked|strong = "H6213" in|strong = "H6213"
 the|strong = "H6213" palace|strong = "H1004" to|strong = "H6213"
 a|strong = "H6213" banquet|strong = "H4960" w in|strong = "H6213" w* w
 another|strong = "H1571" w* w room|strong = "H1004" w* w
 in|strong = "H6213" w* w the|strong = "H6213" w* w
 palace|strong = "H1004" w*.

10On|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H6440"
 last|strong = "H0314"/seventh|strong = "H7637" day|strong = "H3117"
 of|strong = "H4428" those|strong = "H1992" banquets|strong = "H4960",
 when|strong = "H3117" King|strong = "H4428" Xerxes was|strong = "H3820"
 partially drunk|strong = "H3196" from|strong = "H6440"
 drinking|strong = "H8354" wine|strong = "H3196", he|strong = "H3117" w
 summoned|strong = "H7121" w* seven|strong = "H7651" of|strong = "H4428"
 his|strong = "H6440" personal|strong = "H6440" servants|strong = "H8334".
 They|strong = "H3117" were|strong = "H3117" Mehuman|strong = "H4104",
 Biztha|strong = "H0968", Harbona|strong = "H2726",
 Bigtha|strong = "H0903", Abagtha|strong = "H0005",
 Zethar|strong = "H2242", and|strong = "H4428" Carcas|strong = "H3752". ¹¹

He|strong = "H1931" told|strong = "H5046" them|strong = "H6440" to|strong = "H6440" bring|strong = "H0935" Queen|strong = "H4436" Vashti|strong = "H2060" to|strong = "H6440" him|strong = "H6440", wearing|strong = "H2296" her|strong = "H7200" crown|strong = "H3804". He|strong = "H1931" wanted|strong = "H2654" his|strong = "H6440" guests|strong = "H7121" to|strong = "H6440" see|strong = "H7200" that|strong = "H3588" she|strong = "H1931" was|strong = "H1931" very|strong = "H2896" beautiful|strong = "H2896". ¹² But|strong = "H4428" when|strong = "H3027" those|strong = "H1992" servants|strong = "H5650" told|strong = "H1697" Vashti|strong = "H2060" what|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H1697" king|strong = "H4428" wanted|strong = "H2654", she|strong = "H1931" refused|strong = "H3985" to|strong = "H3985" go|strong = "H4428" to|strong = "H3985" the|strong = "H1697" king|strong = "H4428" w because|strong = "H1697" w* w she|strong = "H1931" w* w did|strong = "H1697" w* w not|strong = "H3808" w* w want|strong = "H4270" w* w to|strong = "H3985" w* w display|strong = "H8085" w* w her|strong = "H3966" w* w beauty|strong = "H3308" w* w in|strong = "H4428" w* w front|strong = "H6440" w* w of|strong = "H4428" w* w a|strong = "H3027" w* w group|strong = "H7235" w* w of|strong = "H4428" w* half-drunk w men|strong = "H0376" w*.

S o|strong = "H3966" that|strong = "H1697" caused|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H1697" king|strong = "H4428" to|strong = "H3985" become|strong = "H1197" very|strong = "H3966" angry|strong = "H7107".
¹³⁻¹⁴ Immediately|strong = "H6965" he|strong = "H0834" had|strong = "H3068" a|strong = "H1961" meeting|strong = "H4150" with|strong = "H5973" the|strong = "H3605" seven|strong = "H7651" men|strong = "H0376" who|strong = "H0834" were|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H3605" most|strong = "H6944" important|strong = "H5704" officials|strong = "H8269" in|strong = "H0935" Persia|strong = "H6539" and|strong = "H3967" Media|strong = "H4074". They|strong = "H1992" were|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H3605" men|strong = "H0376" whom|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" often|strong = "H1767" asked|strong = "H7592" □ for|strong = "H3588" their|strong = "H3605" advice|strong = "H6098"/what|strong = "H4100" he|strong = "H0834" should|strong = "H3068" do|strong = "H6213" □. And|strong = "H3967" they|strong = "H1992" were|strong = "H0834" men|strong = "H0376" who|strong = "H0834" knew|strong = "H3045" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" customs|strong = "H2708" and|strong = "H3967" laws|strong = "H8451" w of|strong = "H1121" w* w Persia|strong = "H6539" w*. Their|strong = "H3605" names|strong = "H8034" were|strong = "H0834" Carshena|strong = "H3771", Shethar|strong = "H8369", Admatha|strong = "H0133", Tarshish|strong = "H8659", Meres|strong = "H4825",

Marsena|strong = "H4826", and|strong = "H3967"
 Memucan|strong = "H4462". ¹⁵ The|strong = "H5921"
 king|strong = "H4428" said|strong = "H3982" to|strong = "H6213"
 them|strong = "H5921", "Queen|strong = "H4436" Vashti|strong = "H2060"
 has|strong = "H4428" refused|strong = "H3808" to|strong = "H6213"
 obey|strong = "H6213" me|strong = "H5921" when|strong = "H6213"
 I|strong = "H5921" sent|strong = "H3027" my|strong = "H5921"
 servants|strong = "H5650" w to|strong = "H6213" w* w
 tell|strong = "H5046" w* w her|strong = "H5921" w* w to|strong = "H6213" w* w
 w come|strong = "H0935" w* w here|strong = "H5921" w* w.
 What|strong = "H4100" do|strong = "H6213" our|strong = "H5921"
 laws|strong = "H1881" say|strong = "H0559" that|strong = "H4428"
 we|strong = "H6213" should|strong = "H4100" do|strong = "H6213"
 to|strong = "H6213" someone|strong = "H0376" who|strong = "H4428" w
 acts|strong = "H6213" w*/w behaves|strong = "H1980" w* w
 like|strong = "H3808" w* w that|strong = "H4428" w*?"

16 While|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3605" other|strong = "H3605"
 officials|strong = "H8269" were|strong = "H5971" present|strong = "H7126",
 Memucan|strong = "H4462" told|strong = "H5046" the|strong = "H3605"
 king|strong = "H4428", "w Your|strong = "H3605" w* w
 majesty|strong = "H1926" w*, Queen|strong = "H4436"
 Vashti|strong = "H2060" has|strong = "H4428"
 □insulted|strong = "H3637"/done|strong = "H3605" wrong|strong = "H5753"
 against|strong = "H5921" □ you|strong = "H3588", but|strong = "H3588"
 she|strong = "H3588" has|strong = "H4428" also|strong = "H4428"
 insulted|strong = "H3637" all|strong = "H3605" your|strong = "H3605"
 officials|strong = "H8269" and|strong = "H4428" everyone|strong = "H3605"
 else|strong = "H3808" □ in|strong = "H5921" your|strong = "H3605"
 empire|strong = "H4438"/that|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H3588"
 rule|strong = "H4428" over|strong = "H5921" □. ¹⁷ All|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" women|strong = "H0802" w
 throughout|strong = "H3605" w* w the|strong = "H3605" w* w
 empire|strong = "H4438" w* will|strong = "H4428" hear|strong = "H8085"
 what|strong = "H1697" she|strong = "H3588" has|strong = "H4428"
 done|strong = "H1697", and|strong = "H4428" they|strong = "H3588"
 will|strong = "H4428" say|strong = "H1697", "The|strong = "H3605"
 king|strong = "H4428" commanded|strong = "H6680"
 Queen|strong = "H4436" Vashti|strong = "H2060" to|strong = "H3318"
 come|strong = "H3318" to|strong = "H3318" him|strong = "H6440",
 and|strong = "H4428" she|strong = "H3588" refused|strong = "H3808".' w
 So|strong = "H3808" w* w they|strong = "H3588" w* w
 will|strong = "H4428" w* w not|strong = "H3808" w* w
 obey|strong = "H8085" w* w their|strong = "H3605" w* w
 husbands|strong = "H1167" w*. w Instead|strong = "H3588" w*,

they|strong = "H3588" will|strong = "H4428" begin|strong = "H2490"
to|strong = "H3318" not|strong = "H3808" respect|strong = "H5921"
their|strong = "H3605" husbands|strong = "H1167".¹⁸
Before|strong = "H3117" this|strong = "H2088" day|strong = "H3117"
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of|strong = "H4428" all|strong = "H3605" us|strong = "H3117"
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and|strong = "H4428" Media|strong = "H4074" will|strong = "H4428"
hear|strong = "H8085" what|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H3605"
queen|strong = "H4436" did|strong = "H3117", and|strong = "H4428"
they|strong = "H3117" also|strong = "H4428" will|strong = "H4428"
refuse|strong = "H3985" to|strong = "H3117" obey|strong = "H8085"
their|strong = "H3605" husbands|strong = "H1167". They|strong = "H3117"
will|strong = "H4428" not|strong = "H2088" respect|strong = "H6437"
us|strong = "H3117", and|strong = "H4428" they|strong = "H3117"
will|strong = "H4428" cause|strong = "H1697" us|strong = "H3117"
to|strong = "H3117" become|strong = "H1961" very|strong = "H2088"
angry|strong = "H7110".¹⁹ So|strong = "H4480" if|strong = "H0518"
it|strong = "H5414" pleases|strong = "H2895" you|strong = "H5414",
O|strong = "H3069" king|strong = "H4428", you|strong = "H5414"
should|strong = "H4428" write|strong = "H3789" a|strong = "H5414"
law|strong = "H1881". Like|strong = "H3318" all|strong = "H5414"
the|strong = "H6440" other|strong = "H0312" laws|strong = "H1881"
of|strong = "H4428" Persia|strong = "H6539" and|strong = "H4428"
Media|strong = "H4074", it|strong = "H5414" will|strong = "H4428"
be|strong = "H3808" a|strong = "H5414" law|strong = "H1881"
that|strong = "H1697" □no|strong = "H3808" one|strong = "H3808"
can|strong = "H3808" change|strong = "H5162"/cannot|strong = "H3808"
be|strong = "H3808" changed|strong = "H8133".□ Write|strong = "H3789"
a|strong = "H5414" law|strong = "H1881" that|strong = "H1697" states
that|strong = "H1697" Queen|strong = "H4436" Vashti|strong = "H2060"
will|strong = "H4428" never|strong = "H3808" be|strong = "H3808"
allowed|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H3318" see|strong = "H7200"
you|strong = "H5414" again|strong = "H6440" w and|strong = "H4428" w* w
will|strong = "H4428" w* w not|strong = "H3808" w* w
continue|strong = "H5674" w* w to|strong = "H3318" w* w
be|strong = "H3808" w* w the|strong = "H6440" w* w
queen|strong = "H4436" w*. Then|strong = "H3318" you|strong = "H5414"
can|strong = "H3808" choose|strong = "H0977" another|strong = "H7468"
woman|strong = "H0802" to|strong = "H3318" be|strong = "H3808"
queen|strong = "H4436", a|strong = "H5414" woman|strong = "H0802"
who|strong = "H4428" deserves|strong = "H1288" to|strong = "H3318"
be|strong = "H3808" queen|strong = "H4436" more|strong = "H4480"
than|strong = "H4480" Vashti|strong = "H2060" does|strong = "H3808".²⁰
Then|strong = "H5414", when|strong = "H3588" everyone|strong = "H3605"
in|strong = "H6213" your|strong = "H3605" empire|strong = "H4438"

hears|strong = "H8085" what|strong = "H6213" you|strong = "H3588"
 have|strong = "H5414" commanded|strong = "H6680", all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" women|strong = "H0802", including|strong = "H5704"
 those|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H3605" are|strong = "H7227"
 important|strong = "H5704" and|strong = "H4428" those|strong = "H3605"
 who|strong = "H3605" are|strong = "H7227" not|strong = "H6213"
 important|strong = "H5704", will|strong = "H4428" respect|strong = "H6437"
 and|strong = "H4428" obey|strong = "H8085" their|strong = "H3605"
 husbands|strong = "H1167".

21The|strong = "H6213" king|strong = "H4428" and|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H6213" other|strong = "H0312" officials|strong = "H8269"
 liked|strong = "H5869" what|strong = "H1697" Memucan|strong = "H4462"
 suggested|strong = "H5414", so|strong = "H6213" he|strong = "H6213" w
 did|strong = "H6213" w* w that|strong = "H1697" w*. w
 He|strong = "H6213" w* w wrote|strong = "H3789" w* w
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 proclaiming|strong = "H7121" that|strong = "H1697". 22
 Then|strong = "H1961" he|strong = "H3605" sent|strong = "H7971"
 letters|strong = "H5612" to|strong = "H1696" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" provinces|strong = "H4082", stating
 that|strong = "H5971" all|strong = "H3605" men|strong = "H5971"
 should|strong = "H4428" have|strong = "H1961" complete|strong = "H3605"
 authority|strong = "H3027" over|strong = "H4428" their|strong = "H3605"
 wives|strong = "H0802" and|strong = "H7971" their|strong = "H3605"
 children|strong = "H1121". He|strong = "H3605" wrote|strong = "H3789"
 the|strong = "H3605" letters|strong = "H5612" in|strong = "H1004"
 every|strong = "H3605" language|strong = "H3956" and|strong = "H7971"
 type of|strong = "H4428" writing|strong = "H3791"/alphabet
 that|strong = "H5971" was|strong = "H1961" used|strong = "H1961"
 in|strong = "H1004" each|strong = "H3605" province|strong = "H4082".
 Esther became the new queen

2After|strong = "H5921" a|strong = "H6213" while|strong = "H5921",
 King|strong = "H4428" Xerxes quit|strong = "H5355" being|strong = "H1961"
 so|strong = "H6213" angry|strong = "H2534". He|strong = "H6213"
 thought|strong = "H1697" about|strong = "H5921" Vashti|strong = "H2060",
 and|strong = "H4428" he|strong = "H6213" thought|strong = "H1697"
 about|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" law|strong = "H8451"
 he|strong = "H6213" had|strong = "H4428" made|strong = "H6213"
 because|strong = "H5921" of|strong = "H4428" what|strong = "H1697"
 she|strong = "H5921" w had|strong = "H4428" w* w
 done|strong = "H6213" w*, w and|strong = "H4428" w* w
 he|strong = "H6213" w* w wanted|strong = "H2654" w* w
 another|strong = "H0312" w* w wife|strong = "H0802" w*. 2