

Esther

Book of Esther

King Ahasuerus made a banquet for all the people for seven days in Shushan the palace. Vashti the queen made a banquet for the women in the royal house which King Ahasuerus owned. In the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he told his servants to bring Vashti the queen before him in order for the people and the princes to look upon her beauty. Vashti the queen refused to come and the king was very angry. The wise men of the king said to seek out the beautiful young women for the king and let the young woman who pleases the king rule instead of Vashti.

Mordecai was a Jew who had been taken from Jerusalem with the Babylon captivity. He was raising Hadassah (Esther) his uncle's daughter, for she had no parents. The king's command was heard, and many young women and Esther were taken to the palace, into the hand of Hegai. He was the keeper of the women. Esther did not tell anyone who her people were because Mordecai told her not to.

Mordecai stayed in front of the court of the women's house to find out what would happen to Esther.

Each young woman would go to the king when they were called. Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus and he loved her above all the women. He made her to rule instead of Vashti.

While Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's eunuchs, Bigthan and Teresh, were angry, and wanted to go against King Ahasuerus. Mordecai, told Esther the queen. And Esther told the king in the name of Mordecai.

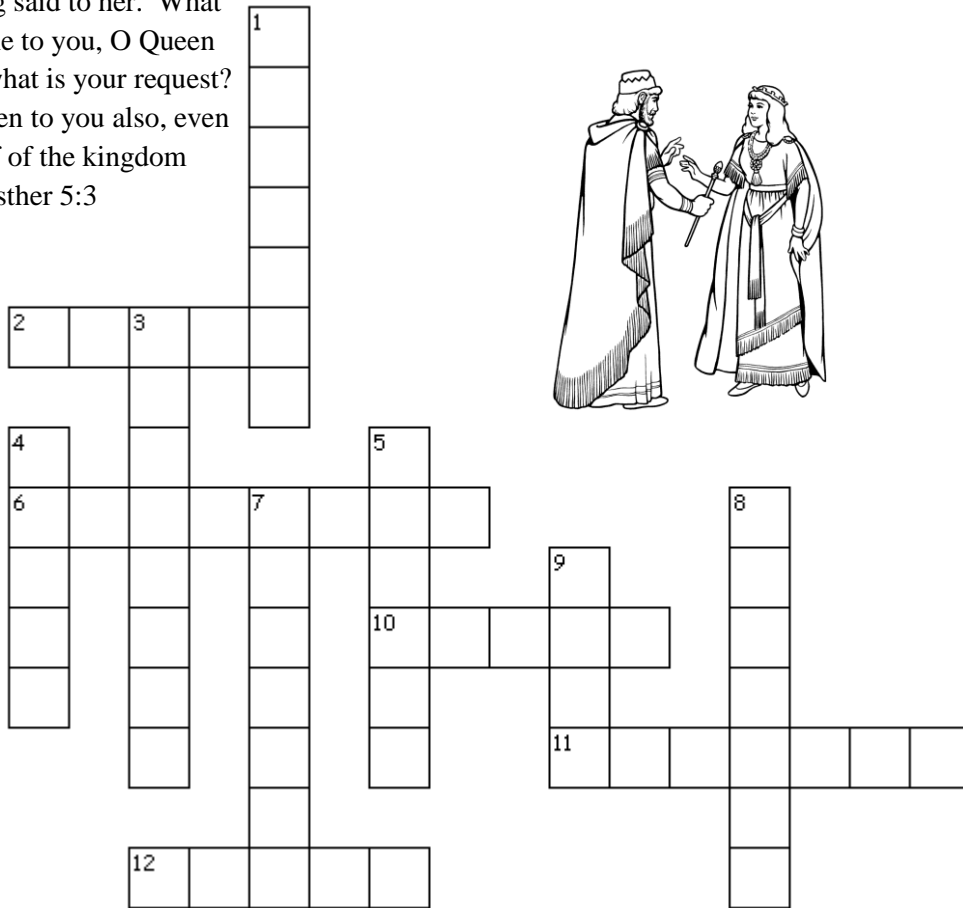
King Ahasuerus made Haman above all the rulers with him. All the king's servants were bowing and worshiping Haman, but Mordecai did not bow nor worship. This made Haman very angry. Haman wanted to destroy all the Jews in all the kingdom of Ahasuerus, the people of Mordecai.



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And the king said to her. What shall be done to you, O Queen Esther, and what is your request? It will be given to you also, even up to half of the kingdom
Esther 5:3



Across

2. Who wanted to destroy all the Jews in all the kingdom of Ahasuerus?
6. What was Esther's real Jewish name?
10. Who was the keeper of all the new young women in the King's Palace?
11. What did Haman build with the intention of using it on Mordecai?
12. Which feast was established in remembrance of the day the Jews defended themselves against Haman's plot of destruction?

Down

1. How were Mordecai and Esther related?
3. In who's name did Esther tell King Ahasuerus about the plot against him coming from two angry eunuchs?
4. How many days and nights did Esther and all the Jews fast for?
5. Who refused to come before the King when he was merry with wine at his banquet?
7. What did King Ahasuerus hold out in his hand when Esther approached his royal Throne?
8. Mordecai was a Jew who had been taken from Jerusalem with the ___ captivity.
9. What happened to Haman after his plot against the Jews was exposed by Esther?

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Ahasuerus

Banquet

Esther

Fast

Gallows

Gate

Haman

Hegai

Jews

King

Mordecai

Purim

Queen

Request

Ring

Scepter

Sealed

Three Days

Vashti

For if you are completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance shall rise up to the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house shall perish. And who knows if you have attained to the kingdom for such a time as this

Esther 4:14

