

Bible Study # 89 Questions

SURVEY OF THE WRITINGS SERIES

Esther

1. What was the condition of the king when he ordered Vashti brought before him?
2. How did Vashti respond to the king's summons? What did his advisors advise him to do about it and why?
3. What suggestion did the king's advisors offer when they saw him beginning to miss Vashti and to regret his previous decision?
4. How did Mordecai save the king's life?
5. What was Haman's attitude toward Jews in general and Mordecai in particular? What provoked his wrath to such an extent?
6. What scheme did Haman follow to achieve his vengeance on the Jews?
7. What was the response of Mordecai and the Jews of Shushan when they heard the king's decree?
8. For what reason, according to Mordecai, had God probably allowed Esther to become the wife of the king of Persia?
9. What did Esther do before going in to talk to the king? Why?
10. What request did Esther make of the king when she was received into his presence?
11. What event spoiled Haman's day and how did he propose to rectify the situation?
12. What circumstances worked out to humiliate Haman at a time when he was anticipating his greatest triumph?
13. What request did Esther make of the king? How did he respond?
14. What did the king do in order to try to undo the damage that Haman sought to work on the Jews? Why did he not simply withdraw his previous decree?
15. What day had Haman picked to be an "unlucky" day for the Jews and yet proved to be the day of God's deliverance of His people?
16. What is "Purim" and what is the significance of the name?
17. How frequently is the name of God invoked in the book of Esther? Comment.
18. What are some lessons to be derived from the book of Esther?