



# Esther

A Chronological Study of the Book of Esther

# Teaching Multi-Level Books

## Daily Schedule

Day 1: Lesson page 1  
Day 2: Lesson page 2

## Weekly Schedule

Review (5 -10 minutes)  
Lesson Pages 1 and 2 (35-40 minutes)

## Before Class

**Lesson Preparation:** Nothing can replace the time a teacher spends in prayer with our Master Teacher, the Lord God Almighty. We also recommend you read the Scriptures and lesson notes before class.



**Supplies:** Supplies needed for teaching:

- Bible
- Dry erase board or chalk board
- Dry erase markers or chalk
- Colored pencils
- Lesson pages for each student
- Bible Dictionary



## Teaching the Lessons

**Teacher Notes:** The teacher notes, in green, explain the important information that will need to be covered in that section of the lesson. These notes will also be helpful for substitute teachers and can even be read to the students if needed.



Arrows next to words in the notes, indicate words to you look up in a Bible dictionary before class.



Stars next to location indicates mapping assignments. See maps in the back of the book.

**Timeline:** Students will begin each book by learning the timeline. The timeline is a fun, interactive way to give students the big picture of what they will be learning in that book. Teachers will simply introduce each point on the timeline, not teach each point. Every point on the timeline will be further explained within the lesson. This is also a great opportunity for teachers to learn what students know about the characters and events in the study.

**Stick Figuring:** As or after the Scripture is read, the teacher will stick figure that portion of Scripture onto the board. While students are drawing teachers can discuss that portion of Scripture. Students can either draw what the teacher has drawn or draw their own interpretation of the Scripture section. We encourage colors and creativity. Some students may opt to take notes in this section.

**Review Questions and Answers:** This section gives teachers the questions and answers for the lesson review. These questions cover who, what, when, where, why, and the how of the lesson. Notice that the last question is the application question for the lesson. The answer to this question will depend upon what the Lord has led the teacher to emphasize in the lesson – answers may vary. Teachers may also want to add their own questions as they feel led.

## QUEEN VASHTI

Background Bible Reading: Esther 1:1-22

Timeframe: Between Ezra chapter 6 and chapter 7

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Feast for the Officials: Shushan (also called Susa) was the capital of King Ahasuerus' Persian Empire. The setting for the book and the setting for the book of Esther. During King Ahasuerus (also called Xerxes) third year he held a great feast for the nobles and princes in his kingdom that lasted six months.



Persian Empire, Shushan, India, Ethiopia



citadel

*Draw the king and a prince at a table.*

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Feast for the People of Shushan: Following the feast for the kingdom leaders the king held a feast for the people of Shushan that lasted seven days.



alabaster

*Draw the people of Shushan at a table.*

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Feast for Women: While the king held the feast for the leaders, Queen Vashti held a feast for the women.

*Draw the queen and a princess at a table.*

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The King Called for Vashti: On the last day of the feast for the leaders, the king wanted to show off his beautiful wife so he sent for her.

*Draw the king calling for Queen Vashti.*

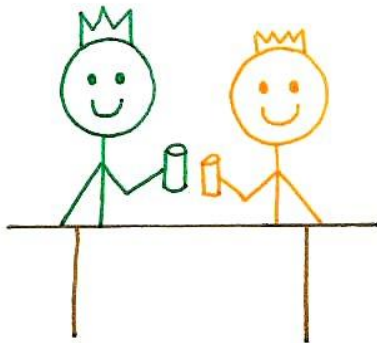
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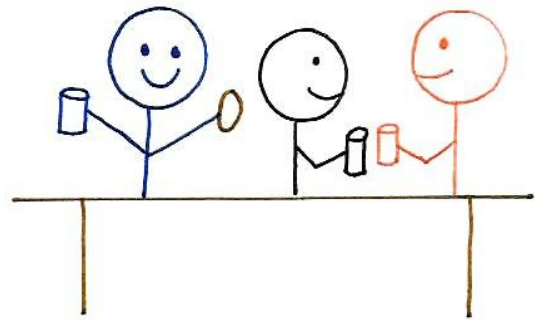
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Est. 1:1-4



Feast for the Officials

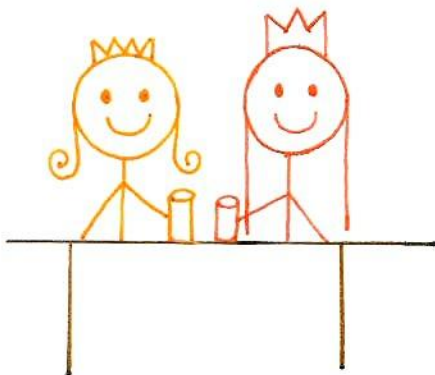
Est. 1:5-8



Feast for the People of Shushan

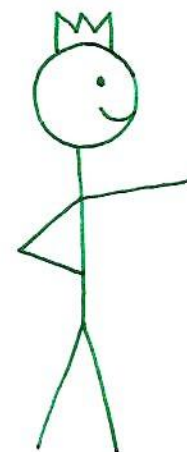
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Est. 1:9



Feast for the Women

Est. 1:10-11




The King Called for Vashti

## QUEEN VASHTI

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The Queen Disobeyed: Queen Vashti refused to go to the king and when the king was told of her response he was very angry.

 eunuchs

*Draw Queen Vashti refusing to go to the king.*

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The King's Counselors: The king sought advice from his wise men and counselors to determine what he should do about Queen Vashti's disobedience.

 wise men

*Draw the king and his councilors.*


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The Recommendation: The wise men and counselors expressed concern that the actions of Queen Vashti would inspire women throughout the kingdom to disobey their husbands. The king was advised to strip Queen Vashti of her title and then banish her - which he did.

*Draw a councilor talking to the king.*

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The Letter to Husbands: In response to the concern about disobedient wives, the king issued a decree telling the men of his kingdom that they were masters of their homes.

 honor, master

*Draw a servant with the letter to husbands.*

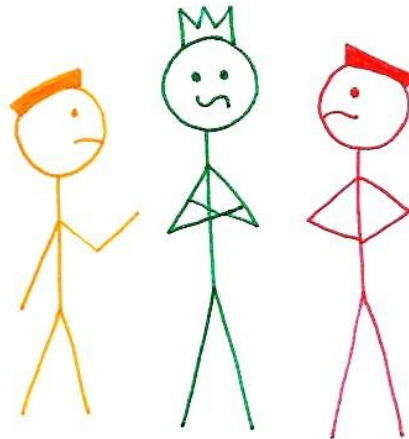
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1. Who was the king in the book of Esther? **Ahasuerus.**
  2. How large was King Ahasuerus' kingdom? **From India to Ethiopia.**
  3. Where did King Ahasuerus hold his feast? **In his capital, Shushan.**
  4. Why did King Ahasuerus call for Queen Vashti? **To show off her beauty.**
  5. What happened to Queen Vashti when she disobeyed the king's request? **She was stripped of her title and banished.**
  6. What did the king's letter tell husbands? **To be the masters of their own homes.**
  7. What do we learn about God from these verses? **God oversees the rise and fall of kings and queens.**

Est. 1:12



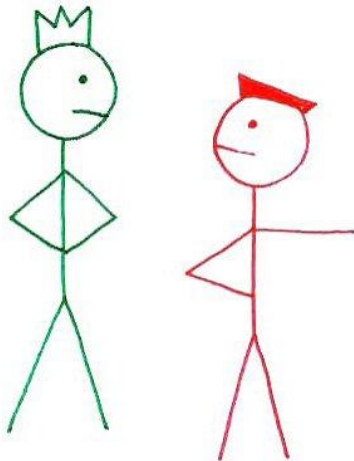
The Queen Disobeyed

Est. 1:13-15



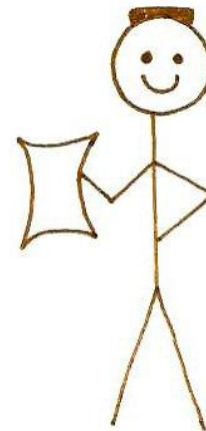
The King's Counselors

Est. 1:16-19



The Recommendation

Est. 1:20-22



The Letter to Husbands

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