

Esther 1

Unshaken Kids Study Guide

Background on Esther: Years before, in response to the rebellion of Judah, they were attacked and taken into exile by Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar. You can read about this in the book of Daniel! When Nebuchadnezzar died, he passed the reign of the kingdom to his son Belshazzar. (Read Daniel 5:13-30 to see what happened to THIS king!!!) After Belshazzar died, he passed the reign to his son Darius. (It is while Darius is king that Daniel is thrown into the lion's den!)Darius passed his reign to Ahasuerus (also known as Xerxes).

This empire was the largest the world had ever seen- it covered Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, Jordan, Lebanon, and Israel, also parts of Egypt, Sudan, Libya and Arabia.

The Jewish people were slowly making their way back to Israel, groups at a time. The temple had most likely already been built, but Nehemiah had not gone back yet to rebuild the walls.

In verses 5-8, the author takes great pains to tell us all about the decorations and extravagance the king went through for the party. Why do you think the author tells us all this? _____

In verse 10, it describes the King as “merry with wine.” What does that mean?

_____ (ask me or your parents if you are unsure!)

What does he do because of his ‘condition’? _____

What warning can you infer from this situation about drinking alcohol?

How does the Queen react to the King's request of her?

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The King becomes upset with Vashti ignoring his command, and he goes to his wisemen to figure out what to do. In verses 16-18, Memucan explains his reasoning for why he thinks Vashti should be punished. What is his reasoning, and do you agree or disagree? Why? _____

What do they decide to do to her? _____

Do you think Vashti regretted her decision? Why or why not? _____
