

# Esther 1:1-22

King Ahasuerus's Greatness is Displayed!



The Name of God is nowhere to be found in the book!



# Today's Text, Sermon Title, and Theme!

The Text:

Esther 1:1-22 / Chapter One!

The Sermon Title:

Ahasuerus's Greatness Displayed!

The Theme:

The Providence And Sovereignty  
Of Israel's God!

# The Outline for Our Journey:

I. (1:1-3:15) The **DANGER** to God's People!

II. (4:1-5:14) The **DECISION** of God's Servant!

III. (6:1-10:3) The **DELIVERANCE** of God's People!

# The Outline for the Section:

## I. (1:1-3:15) The **DANGER** to God's People!

A. (1:1-22) The **DIVORCE** of Queen Vashti.

B. (2:1-20) The **DISCOVERY** of Queen Esther.

C. (2:21-23) The **DEVOTION** of Kind Mordecia.

D. (3:1-15) The **DECREE** of Evil Haman.

# Proverbs 6:12-19:

A worthless person and wicked man is the one who walks with a false mouth, who winks with his eyes, who signals with his feet, who points with his fingers; who with perversity in his heart devises evil continually, who spreads strife.

Therefore, his calamity will come suddenly;  
instantly he will be broken and there will be no healing.

There are six things which the Lord hates. Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:

- 1. Haughty eyes (a proud look),**
- 2. A lying tongue (speaks untruths),**
- 3. Hands that shed innocent blood (a murder),**
- 4. A heart that devises wicked plans (plots to do evil),**
- 5. Feet that run rapidly to evil (participates in the evil),**
- 6. A witness who utters lies (bears false witness),**
- 7. One who spreads strife among the brothers (causes division).**

# The Main Characters in Chapter One:

## **1.(1:1) The Persian King Ahasuerus!**

King Ahasuerus (Xerxes) is the most powerful man in the world. He is feared by all because of his ability to conquer the entire civilized world.

## **2. (1:9) The Persian Queen Vashti!**

Queen Vashti is viewed by all as the most beautiful and desirable women in the entire world.

## **3. (1:14) The Wise Men of Persia!**

These seven men are the king's cabinet, counselors, advisers, and his interpreters of the Persian law.

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A.(1:13-22) The Regretful **DECREE!**



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1. (vs.1-2) The **Setting** of the story.
2. (vs.3-9) The **Scheme** of the King.

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1.(vs.10-11) The King's Radical **Command.**

2. (v.12) The Queen's Refusal to **Comply.**

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1.(vs.13-15) The **Calling** of the Wise Men.

2.(vs.16-20) The **Counsel** of the Wise Men.

3.(vs.21-22) The **Control** by the Persian Men.

# How to Apply the Story!

Though there will be times in our lives where God seems to be invisible (no where to be found), we must never forget that He is always invincible (unable to overcome)!

The book of Esther reminds us that the invisible God who may at times appear to be absent in our lives is in reality the invincible God who is working out His best plan on behave.