

Discussion Questions – Esther

Read Esther 1-10

- How did Esther become Queen?
- What did Queen Vashti do to upset the King?
- How do you think Esther felt being asked to be part of the King's harem?
- What is a harem?
- Why would that be frightening?
- Would you be surprised if the King selected you for his bride?
- What religion was Esther?
- Why did he select Esther?
- What is Esther's uncle's name? [Mordecai]
- What did he ask Esther to do? [Talk with the King about saving her people]
- Why was that so scary? [The Queen could only talk to the King if he called her; otherwise he could kill her.]
- How did the King greet her?
- What did Esther ask for? [a banquet]
- Who was invited?
- What did Esther ask the King at dinner?
- How did that affect Haman?
- For whom had Haman prepared the gallows?
- What happened instead?
- What is the name of the annual feast that celebrates the defeat of the Jews' enemies?