

The Temptation of Fame, Fortune and Power*

Esther 1:1-22

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The Book of Esther is an epic account of the sovereignty of God.

Ahasuerus is not his real name, it's actually his title.

Question: What was the purpose of Ahasuerus' 6-month party?

Answer: The purpose was to show off his wealth and power. (v.4)

Question: Is drinking alcohol wrong?

Answer: I can find no prohibition in Scripture that says drinking alcohol is wrong.

Verses to make you think before you drink:

Timeless Principle: Getting drunk is wrong!

1. Ephesians 5:18

2. Galatians 5:21

3. 1 Cor 6:10

Timeless Principle: Never be a stumbling block

4. Romans 14:13

Triple offense concerning Vashti's refusal to obey the king:

A woman challenging the authority of a man.

A wife disobeying the orders of her husband.

A subject defying the command of the king.

Question: Was Vashti right in her decision?

Answer: Absolutely

The word "show" means being exposed.

"And let the king give her royal position to another who is better than she." (v.19) This verse is the sovereignty of God! Vashti will now exit the scene and Esther will now enter.

God is in control!