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THE BOOK OF ESTHER

READ IT

- Esther Chapter One
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- Isaiah 54:10
- Isaiah 54:14-15

GO DEEPER

- What are Xerxes' idols?
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- We know little about Queen Vashti. Why do you think she refused to come at the King's demand? (verse 12)
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- Taking into account the immense pride King Xerxes had in "things" and the anger he possessed should someone disobey him, do you think he regarded Queen Vashti as simply another thing? Another conquest? Perhaps she was someone for whom he had little regard at all?
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- Why do you think he consulted with the wise men (verse 13) instead of letting his anger dictate what to do?
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- Why do you think Vashti was chosen to begin with?
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- The wise men were most concerned that this would set a bad precedent for other wives. *Where do you think this came into play in the pattern of men being head of the household? It's interesting that this was their reasoning instead of her perhaps having broken the law.*

WRITE IT

For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this? Esther 4:14



Opening this book, reading the first chapter, we see God's care and concern for his people taking place as He is aware of what is about to happen.