

BIG EVENTS AT THE PALACE
THE THREAT TO ISRAEL, PART 1
(Esther 1:1-22)

- I. The _____ of the Persian King (Esther 1:1-9)
- A. The _____ of the king—Ahasuerus (486-465 BC)
- B. The _____ of his empire—from _____ to _____ (1:1-2)
1. It was divided into _____ “provinces”
 2. His _____ was at the _____ in Susa
- C. The _____ of his glory (1:3-4)
1. A six month exhibit of the king’s _____ and _____
 2. A gathering of all royal _____ and military _____
- D. The _____ in his palace (1:5-9)
1. The king’s _____ banquet for his _____
 2. The queen’s banquet for the _____ of the _____
- II. The _____ of the Persian Queen (Esther 1:10-18)
- A. The king’s _____ (1:10-11)
1. He was “_____ with _____”

2. He wanted to “display her _____” to the _____
and the _____

B. The queen’s _____ (1:12a)

C. The imperial _____ (1:12b-21)

1. The king was _____

2. He consulted his _____

3. They feared Vashti’s _____ would encourage _____
everywhere to _____ their _____

4. They advised a royal edict _____ Vashti

a. She would be _____ by a more “_____”
queen

b. All women will learn to “_____” their husbands

III. The _____ of the Persian Law (Esther 1:22)

A. Every man’s “house” would _____ to his _____

B. Every man’s “house” would _____ his native _____

IV. Lessons

A. Grand displays of human _____ can be _____ to
great _____

B. _____ acts of divine control _____ the intentions
of the most _____ of men

C. God is _____, not _____, in directing the affairs
of humanity