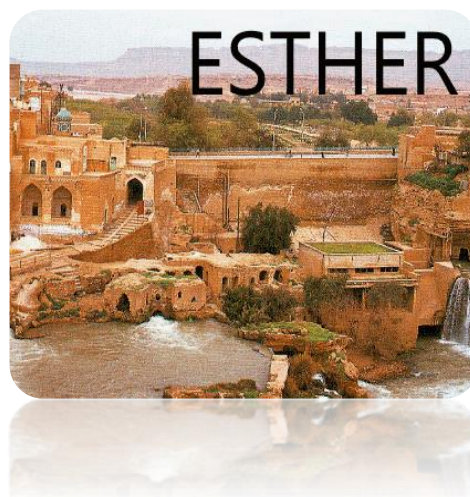


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The author of this book is unknown, but the content is definitely one of Jewish nationalism. The historical setting is: Persia of a 10 year period – 483-473bc during the reign of Xerxes (Greek) Ahasuerus (Hebrew). The name of God is not mentioned in this book, while His Sovereignty is apparent in each chapter. It was Herodotus who wrote Xerxes sought consolation in his harem after his defeat at Salamis, which is when Esther became queen.



The dismissal of a Queen,

¹ Now these events happened in the days of Ahasuerus, (this is Ahasuerus who reigned, from India to Ethiopia, over 127 provinces:)

² in those days, when king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Susa the capital.

³ in the third year of his reign, he gave a banquet to all his princes and attendants; military officers of Persia and Media, nobles and princes of his provinces, all being present.

⁴ And he displayed the riches of his glorious kingdom, and the honor of his great majesty for many days, 180 days.

⁵ And when these days were finished, the king made a banquet for seven days to all the people who were present in Susa the capital, both great and small, in the court of the garden of the king's palace.

⁶ There were hangings of white, green, and blue, fastened by cords of fine purple linen on silver rings and marble pillars: and couches of gold and silver, upon a mosaic pavement precious stones: red, blue, pearl, and black marble.

⁷ Drinks were served in vessels of gold, of various kinds; and royal wine in abundance, according to the bounty of the king.

⁸ And drinking was according to the law; no one was oblige: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to the desires of each person.

⁹ Queen Vashti also gave a banquet for the women in the royal house who belonged to king Ahasuerus.

¹⁰ On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar, and Carkas, the seven eunuchs who served in the presence of King Ahasuerus,

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¹¹ to bring Queen Vashti before the king with her royal crown, to show her beauty to the people and the princes: for she was stunningly beautiful.

¹² But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command delivered by his eunuchs. Then the king became very angry, and his anger burned within him.

¹³ Then the king said to the wise men, who knew the times – for it was the custom of the king to speak before those who knew law and justice:

¹⁴ who were close to him: Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, who had access to the presence of the king, and who sat in the primary positions of the kingdom --

¹⁵ According to the law, what should be done with Queen Vashti, because she did not obey the command of King Ahasuerus delivered by the eunuchs?

¹⁶ And in the presence of the king and the princes, Memucan answered: Queen Vashti has done wrong not only to the king, but also to **all** the princes, and to **all** the people who are in **all** the provinces of King Ahasuerus.

¹⁷ For this wrong of the Queen will become known to all the women, causing them when it is reported, to look on their husbands with contempt, saying: King Ahasuerus commanded Queen Vashti to be brought in his presence; but she did not come.

¹⁸ Likewise, the ladies of Persia and Media who have hear the deed of the queen, will say before this day is over to all the king's princes. Thus there will arise much contempt and anger.

¹⁹ If it pleases the king, let a royal edict be issued by him, and let it be written in the laws of the Persians and the Medes, so that it cannot be repealed, that Vashti come no longer before King Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal position to another who is more worthy than she.

²⁰ And when the royal edict is issued which he will published throughout all his empire, (for it is great,) then all the women will give honor to their husbands, both great and small.

²¹ And this word pleased the king and the princes; and the king did as Memucan proposed.

²² So he sent letters to all the king's provinces, to each province according to its script, and to every people according to their language, that every man should be master in his own house, speaking the language of his own people.

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