

Esther 1:1-9

1 WHEN are we talking about? (🕒 *This is a time phrase, knowing when this story took place.*)
Now it happened in the days

of **WHO?**

of Ahasuerus,
(tap on his name in **GODcha**, discover *His Greek name is Xerxes, the Persian king*)

WHO?

the Ahasuerus

WHO what?

who reigned

from **WHERE** to **WHERE?**

from India to Cush

over **WHAT?**

over 127 provinces,

WHEN?

² in those days (🕒 *Again, we see the time.*)

as **WHO?**

as King Ahasuerus

WHAT?

sat on his royal throne

which was **WHERE?**

at the citadel in Susa,

WHEN specifically?

³ in the third year of his reign

WHAT did he do?

he held a banquet

for **WHO?**

for all his officials

and

attendants,
the army *officers* of Persia and Media,
the nobles
and
the officials of his provinces,

WHERE?

in his presence.

WHEN?

⁴ At that time () *Understanding the time is important.*

WHY the banquet? WHAT did he do?

he displayed the riches of his royal glory

and

the splendor of his great majesty

for HOW long?

for many days,

Specifically how many days?

180 days. (6 mths) *(Think if 6 mths, then no wars are going on.)*

WHAT happened WHEN these days were completed?

5 When these days were completed,

WHO?

the king

gave WHAT?

gave a banquet

lasting HOW long?

lasting seven days () *Another time frame is given to us.*

for WHO?

for all the people who were present at the citadel in Susa,

specifically WHO?

from the greatest to the least,

WHERE?

in the court of the garden of the king's palace.

WHAT was the décor like?

⁶ *There were curtains of fine white*

and

violet linen

Held by WHAT?

held by cords of fine purple linen

Held on WHAT?

on silver rings

and

WHAT else was there?

marble columns,

and

couches of gold

and

silver on a mosaic floor of porphyry,

marble,

mother-of-pearl,

and

mineral stones.

WHAT was served?

⁷ Drinks were served

in WHAT?

in golden vessels of various kinds,

and

the royal wine was plentiful in proportion to the king's bounty.

But WHAT?

⁸ But the drinking was *done*

HOW?

according to the *royal* law;

there was no compulsion,

WHY?

for so the king had given orders to each official of his household,

that he was to do as each person pleased.

And WHAT was the queen doing?

⁹ Queen Vashti also held a banquet

for WHO?

for the women in the palace which belonged to King Ahasuerus.