

## ***Big Bash – Big Crash!***

Esther: Chapter One

### A. The Royal Bash

1. The host of the party was King Ahasuerus who is king of the \_\_\_\_\_ Empire. (Esther 1:1)
2. Ahasuerus is his \_\_\_\_\_ name (in the Hebrew Bible) but he is also known as Khshayarsha which is his Persian name or Xerxes 1 his Greek name. (Esther 1:1)
3. He reigned over \_\_\_\_\_ provinces from modern day Sudan to Pakistan/India border. (Esther 1:1)
4. The events of chapter one take place at the palace in \_\_\_\_\_. (Esther 1:2)
5. The year in which we begin this account is \_\_\_\_\_ B.C. which is the third year of his reign. (Esther 1:3)
6. There was two feasts identified, the first for all the rulers of Persia to display the greatness of his kingdom and to garner \_\_\_\_\_ for an upcoming military excursion and it lasted for 180 days. (Esther 1:3-4)
7. After this, he gave a \_\_\_\_\_ feast for all those who were in Susa, which showcased wonderful construction, beautiful upholstery, and unique vessels filled with \_\_\_\_\_ the wine they wanted. (Esther 1:5-8)
  - What did this show about the king?
8. Queen Vashti also hosted a feast for the \_\_\_\_\_ in the royal palace. (Esther 1:9)
  - What did this show about the queen?

### B. The Big Crash

1. After seven days of displaying the riches of his kingdom to those in Susa, King Ahasuerus decided to \_\_\_\_\_ his greatest treasure, his queen, but she \_\_\_\_\_ him. (Esther 1:10-12)
  - Did she have the right to refuse her husband's orders?

- Does a Christian wife have to obey her husband? (Eph. 5:22)
2. Unfortunately, the king did not take kindly to her response and \_\_\_\_\_ the thoughts of his trusted servants about what to do about this problem. (Esther 1:13-15)
    - What does this show us about the king’s character?
    - What does the Bible say about making decisions?
      - ✓ We should bring the matter before the \_\_\_\_\_ (Jam. 1:5)
      - ✓ We should seek God’s will in His \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 119:105)
      - ✓ We should seek the \_\_\_\_\_ of godly friends or family members (Prov. 11:14; 12:15; 13:20)
      - ✓ We need to \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord to give us wisdom. (Prov. 3:5-6)
      - ✓ We need to give the \_\_\_\_\_ to God for answered prayer. (1 Pet. 4:11)
  3. His servants, grabbing hold of an opportunity, suggested to make an \_\_\_\_\_ of the disobedience by dethroning Vashti, while \_\_\_\_\_ all the potential disobedient wives of the kingdom to honor their husbands. (Esther 1:16-20)
    - Was this wise counsel?
    - What does the Bible say about seeking counsel? Ps. 1:1; Prov. 16:29; 22:24-25; 1 Cor. 15:33; Prov. 1:10; 12:26; 24:6; 27:17; Jn 15:13)
  4. The king lived by the saying, “go big or go home.” He not only made the decree but \_\_\_\_\_ the decree throughout the land for all to heed. (Esther 1:21-22)

### C. Remember

1. King Ahasuerus was presiding over a great domain including the area of Jerusalem and the \_\_\_\_\_ were living in his kingdom.
2. He loved to show his great \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The fall of Queen Vashti is God \_\_\_\_\_ the stage for the salvation of His people.