

Lesson #1 –Title: Queen Vashti Deposed**Bible Text: - Esther 1:1-22****Thinkings to Consider**

***What do you think are some of the drawbacks of having status and power?**

Observation:

- **What is the background of this story? ([1:1-3](#))**
- **Who attended the king's banquet? ([1:3-5](#))**
- **What events preceded the banquet that the king gave? ([1:4](#))**
- **How is the setting of the banquet described? ([1:5-8](#))**
- **What motivated the king to summon the queen on the seventh day of the banquet? ([1:10](#))**
- ***Why did the king want Queen Vashti to leave her own banquet to come to his? ([1:11](#))**
- ***How did Queen Vashti respond to the king's command? ([1:12](#))**

- **How did King Xerxes react to Vashti's disobedience? ([1:12](#))**
- **Whom did the king consult about what to do about the queen's disobedience? ([1:13-14](#))**
- **What advice did the wise men give to King Xerxes? ([1:16-20](#))**
- **What fear did the wise men have about the ramifications of Queen Vashti's behavior? ([1:17-18](#))**
- **What impact did the wise men want the king's decree to have in the kingdom? ([1:19-20](#))**
- **What did the king decide to do about Queen Vashti? ([1:21-22](#))**
- ***How did Vashti's actions affect all the women in the kingdom? ([1:22](#))**
- **Interpretation:**
- **Why do you think Queen Vashti refused to obey the king's command?**
- ***Why was it so important to the king that he punish the queen for her disobedience?**

- **When have your actions had greater ramifications than you originally expected?**
- **When have you ever stood up for what you believed was right, despite the dire consequences?**
- **What are some consequences you have experienced for standing up for what was right?**
- **How has this passage influenced how you plan to make decisions in the future?**
- ***In what ways have you seen your own actions influence other Christians or nonbelievers?**
- **What kinds of things can Christians do to encourage others to seek the Lord?**
- **Application:**
- ***What can you do today to set an example for someone else?**
- **What sacrifices are you willing to make in the next few weeks to stand up for what is right?**

