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ONE
A. A six-month celebration where he showed off his gold and glory (1:1-4)
B. Then a week-long wine fest for the VIPs (1:5-8)
C. Enter Queen Vashti! He requested; she refused (1:9-12)
D. “What to do,” he said. “Banish her forever,” they said! (1:13-22)

TWO
A. The Miss Persian Beauty Contest (2:1-4)
B. Enter contestant Esther (2:5-14)
C. Winner of both the contest and the crown! (2:15-18)
D. He saved his life! It’s in the book (2:19-23)

THREE
A. Enter Haman the Horrible (3:1-7)
B. “Kill them all and I’ll provide the cash,” he said (3:8-11)
C. The decree was signed as they downed a drink (3:12-15)

FOUR
A. He sorrowed in sackcloth like all the rest (4:1-5)
B. “Plead for our people,” he told her (4:6-8)
C. She knew to do so might mean death (4:9-11)
D. He explained why she was where she was (4:12-14)
E. Duty demands it, whatever the cost (4:15-17)

FIVE
A. Graciously received to her great relief (5:1-2)
B. She invited both to a banquet (5:3-6)
C. “I’ll tell you tomorrow” (5:7-8)
D. Only one hitch to his happiness (5:9-13)
E. “Hang him before dinner,” she said (5:14)
SIX

A. The sleepless king receives a surprise (6:1-3)
B. Poor Haman—he should have stayed home (6:4-5)
C. How humiliating—having to honor one’s foe! (6:6-12)
D. The beginning of the end (6:13-14)

SEVEN

A. Her request? Simply to survive (7:1-4)
B. “Hang him right now,” the king roared (7:5-10)