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PARAGRAPHS OF THE BIBLE – ESTHER 1-7

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)