



# DIGGING DEEPER

Esther 1v1 – 2v18 – Two Queens

**PLEASE READ** – The whole section!

## **GETTING STARTED**

Have you ever asked the question... where is God in all this mess?

Talk about one particular time...

**God has not removed himself from the picture!**

## **1) THE FALL OF QUEEN VASHTI (1v1-22)**

What do we learn in these verses about...

King Xerxes (See v1-12)

Queen Vashti (See v10-12)

How is Persian society reflected in our society today?

If it helps, think about the slogan below...

*“Be what you want, do what you want, consume what you want.”*

What do we learn from Vashti's response?

What do we also need to remember as Christians living in a godless age? (See Rom 12v2)

## **2) THE RISE OF QUEEN ESTHER (2v1-18)**

How does the selection process in v1-4 / v10-14 make you feel?

This is a dark scene – but what do we need to remember about God's hand in these matters? (See Ch 4v14)

How do we see that same principle at work in the life and death of Jesus? See Acts 2v23...

How does that encourage you today?

### **Meditate on the words below...**

**4v14:** For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"