



Purim Narrative Summary

King Ahasuerus, who reigned in Shushan, gave a banquet for his kingdom.
Queen Vashti, Ahasuerus' wife, was ordered to come to the king's banquet to show off her beauty.
Queen Vashti refused to come to the king's party. She was banished as a result.
Ahasuerus decided to search for a new queen.
Esther, a young Jewish woman, entered the contest to be the new queen. Her cousin/adoptive father, Mordechai, told her not to let anyone know that she was Jewish.
Esther won the contest and became Queen.
Mordechai sat by the palace gates and overheard two servants talking about killing the king. He reported them to Esther, who told Ahasuerus what Mordechai told her. King Ahasuerus was saved and had the incident recorded.
Haman, one of the king's advisors, was promoted; and everyone in the kingdom was required to bow to him.
Mordechai refused to bow to Haman, so Haman decided to take revenge against all of the Jews.
Haman asked King Ahasuerus for permission to kill all of the Jews.



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King Ahasuerus gave his ring to Haman and told him to do what he thought appropriate.
Mordechai, and the rest of the Jews of Shushan, enter a period of mourning as a result of the decree.
Mordechai told Esther to go to the king and request that he save her people.
Esther invited King Ahasuerus and Haman to a banquet. They attended the banquet.
The king realized that Mordechai was never rewarded for saving his life. He instructed Haman to lead Mordechai through the streets while riding the king's horse and to tell everyone that the king wanted to honor Mordechai.
Esther held a second banquet for the king and Haman. At the banquet, Esther revealed that she was Jewish and asked Ahasuerus to save her and her people.
King Ahasuerus was angry at Haman and ordered that he be killed instead of Mordechai and the Jews.
King Ahasuerus gave Haman's property to Esther and gave his ring to Mordechai, thus making Mordechai the king's top advisor.
King Ahasuerus told Esther that he could not take back an order that was already given but that it should be decreed to all people of the land that all the Jews of Shushan could defend themselves with full force if anyone tried to harm them.
Esther and Mordechai declared that the 14 th and 15 th would be days of feasting, giving gifts, helping the poor. The Jewish people accepted this for all time. Chag Purim Sameach!