

The Book of Esther: Unseen God | Chapter 1
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--The Main Character: _____

--Unnamed

--Subtly alluded to (4:14)

--Vashti Vacated

--Parable or History?

--History _____

--Many sophisticated storytelling devices employed

--Foreshadowing

--Contrasts

--Irony

--Humor

--_____: A weapon for a people oppressed

--Splendorous, glorious King who cannot control his (lowly) _____

--Assembles his best advisors to deal with his biggest problem

--Not the Greeks or Babylonians, but his _____!

--A king with a temper tantrum (1:12)

--Controlled by childlike emotion

--Incompetence Leads to Government Officials Spreading the Word of Their Own
Incompetence (1:20+)

--The Dilemma of the _____

--Fiddling on the Roof

--Assimilation or Despair?

--Twofold response: Satire and Sovereignty

--A book for natural living

--Heidelberg Catechism

--A Tale of Two _____

--Secular Kingdom promotes government control of every activity (1:8; 1:19)

--Secular Kingdom promotes the common person giving up their life for their rulers (1:11)

--God's Kingdom Sets Us Free to Pursue an "Abundant Life"

--God's Kingdom Has a Ruler Who Gives Up His Life for the Common Person

--A Father's Day Message: You are not the _____

--Give It Up