

Risky Business

What are some of the biggest risks you have taken?

Read Esther 1:1 through Esther 4:17.

1. What was the purpose of King Ahasuerus' Banquet?
 - A. To have a "kum-ba-yah" moment with his subjects.
 - B. A showing of his vast kingdom (Esther 1:3).
 - C. Making sure he honored the nobles.
 - D. To have seven days to unveil the opulence of his palace.
 - E. Celebrating his well-built physique.
 - F. To have a wine-tasting competition.
 - G. To inaugurate the worship of King Ahasuerus.
 - H. The king just loved throwing parties.
 - I. Other.

2. What really angered King Ahasuerus at his feast?
 - A. The people were all drunk.
 - B. He was drunk and upset with himself (Esther 1:10).
 - C. Queen Vashti refused his order to show her beauty (Esther 1:11-12).
 - D. King Ahasuerus had innate anger issues.
 - E. He hated the food his chefs provided.
 - F. The king was miffed because the poor showed up.
 - G. The palace guard had no security detail for guests.
 - H. The wine ran out.
 - I. Other.

3. What was the result of Memucan's report to King Ahasuerus?
 - A. The king offering a longer feast to his guests.
 - B. A decree to strip Queen Vashti of her royalty (Esther 1:19-22).
 - C. The king offering monetary gifts to Memucan for his report.
 - D. Queen Vashti was given another role in the palace.
 - E. The hanging of Memucan for being a tattletale.
 - F. Those in the kingdom were made to fear King Ahasuerus even more.
 - G. King Ahasuerus became depressed.
 - H. Other.

4. How did King Ahasuerus choose Esther to be his queen?

- A. He ordered that young women be brought to his palace.
- B. He consulted "America's Got Talent."
- C. She was his maid and he promoted her.
- D. Her mental acumen was above all the other women.
- E. Her beauty and personality pleased King Ahasuerus.
- F. The king was impressed that she requested nothing extra.
- G. He went on a blind date and fell in love.
- H. He had a strong affinity for Jewish women.
- I. Other.

5. Why did Haman hate Mordecai so much?

- A. Because Mordecai was part of the royal family.
- B. Because Mordecai was a Jew, and Haman hated all Jews.
- C. Mordecai refused to bow down and worship Haman.
- D. Mordecai was snobbish.
- E. Haman had a position of authority and Mordecai did not respect him.
- F. Mordecai destroyed the king's faith in Haman.
- G. Other.

6. How did Esther risk everything to help her people (Esther 4)?

- A. She communicated with Mordecai and blew her cover as a Jew.
- B. She became depressed when she discovered Haman's plot.
- C. Esther decided to plead with King Ahasuerus for the Jews.
- D. Queen Esther went uninvited to see King Ahasuerus.
- E. She became friends with Vashti.
- F. Esther gave the Jews money from the King's treasury.
- G. She organized a protest for the Jews.
- H. Other.

7. Is taking a risk and having faith the same thing? Explain.

8. In Esther 4:15-17 the queen called for a fast. What would cause young people to fast today?