

Queen Vashti Deposed by King Ahasuerus

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The book begins with a banquet given by **King Ahasuerus**. The events of the banquet led to **the king's** disapproval of **Queen Vashti**. This event is vital in understanding the book as a whole. The anger that **the king** displays toward **Vashti**, and **her** subsequent departure, sets the stage for **Esther** to take decisive action and deliver **her** people.