

Once Upon a Time in Sushan

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In the third year of his reign, the _____ of Persia, Ahashverosh (also known as Ahasuerus and Ahashuerus) decided to have a _____. It was on the seventh day of these festivities that the King summoned

his queen, Vashti, to appear before him and demonstrate her beauty for the King's officials. Vashti

Verb - Past Tense

to appear. Incensed, the King asked his officers for a suitable punishment. One advisor, Memuchan, argued that Vashti should be _____ for her disobedience. The King took his advice and Vashti was

Verb - Past Tense

As time passed the King desired a new _____. To find a suitable _____, a contest was initiated among all

the eligible _____ in the kingdom. One of those was Esther, a Jewish _____. Esther, who was an _____,

had been raised by Mordechai, her _____, after her parents' death. Mordechai instructed Esther not to

divulge her Jewishness when she went to meet the _____. Each day, Mordechai walked by the court and

asked after his _____. Esther impressed all who met her, including the King, and she was elevated to _____.

Meanwhile

Mordecai, while sitting near the _____ Noun _____ gate overheard a plot to assassinate the king. He immediately _____ Verb - Past Tense _____ Esther who _____ Verb - Past Tense _____ it to the King in the name of Mordecai. Years later the King elevated Haman, a descendant of Amelak, the traditional enemy of the Jews, to the position of chief _____ Noun _____. Haman was a _____ Adjective _____ and _____ Adjective _____ Proper Noun _____ who expected everyone to _____ Verb - Base Form _____ down to him.

Mordechai refused to _____ Verb - Base Form _____ because Jews are to _____ Verb - Base Form _____ only before G-D. Not content to just punish

Mordechai, Haman wanted to _____ Verb - Base Form _____ the entire Jewish people in Persia. He cast lots or PURIM to determine the day of annihilation.

Haman went to the King, slandered the Jews, and convinced the King to go along with his plans. Upon _____ Verb - Present ends in ING _____ of the _____ Adjective - Ends in EST _____, Mordechai tore his clothes, wore sackcloth and ashes, and walked through the city crying loudly. When Esther heard of Mordechai's display, she dispatched a _____ Noun _____ to discover what was troubling her relative. Mordechai _____ Verb - Past Tense _____ the details of the evil decree and _____ Verb - Past _____ Tense _____ Esther to

intercede on the Jews behalf. Esther _____ Verb - Past Tense _____ to appear before the King unannounced even though anyone who came to the King uninvited risked losing their life. She, therefore, instructed Mordechai to organize a three-day

_____ Event for all the Jews on her behalf .

After completing the three-day _____ Event _____, Esther entered the king's inner court dressed in her most royal
_____ clothing _____.

The King granted her an audience promising her that virtually anything she would ask would be granted.

Esther replied that she wished to invite the King and Haman to a _____ Event _____ on that day. After the
_____ Event _____

Esther asked the King and Haman to return for another _____ Event _____ the following night. Haman left the
banquet consumed with self- importance and pride, but these feelings were turned to anger when he saw
Mordechai sitting at the gate of the Kings palace and paying Haman no mind. Haman went home fretting
over the impudent Mordecai. His wife, Zeresh, advised him to construct a _____ Noun - Plural _____ and ask the King
that

Mordecai be hanged. Haman _____ Adjective _____ acted upon the suggestion.

That night, the King discovered that Mordechai had never been _____ Verb - Past Tense _____ for _____ Verb - Present _____
_____ ends in ING _____ him from the

assassination _____ Event _____ of two servants. When Haman appeared in the court, the King decided that his
trusted

servant should determine Mordechai's compensation. Haman, intending to obtain the King's permission to
hang Mordechai, unwittingly answered the King's questions. The King asked Haman "What should be
done for the man the King wishes to reward?" Haman, believing that Ahashverosh intended to reward him,
replied

that the honoree should be dressed in royal _____ clothing _____, ride upon a royal _____ animal _____. And be led through

the _____ place _____ by an official proclaiming "This is what is done to the man the King wishes to honor".

Ahashverosh agreed and instructed Haman to do what he had declared for Mordecai. Crestfallen,

Haman followed the King's orders and dressed Mordecai in royal _____ clothing _____ and Haman led Mordecai around the city on a fine _____ animal _____.

At Esther's second _____ Event _____ Haman's downfall continued. Esther revealed Haman's villainous plot and the fact that she was Jewish. She asked the King to "grant me my soul my people." Ahashverosh consumed with anger ordered that Haman be hanged on the _____ place _____ intended for Mordechai. The King elevated Mordechai to a position of great influence and allowed him to issue edicts permitting the Jews to fight their enemies. On the thirteenth and fourteenth of Adar the Jews won tremendous victories and were saved from the threat of total annihilation.

Ever since, Jews have observed Purim. The day before Purim is a day of fasting, in memory of Esther's fast. The fast is then followed by two days of dancing, merrymaking, feasting and gladness where Jews celebrate by telling this story, drinking, giving gifts to the poor, and food to each other