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In the third year of his reign, the \_\_\_\_\_  
Proper Noun of Persia, Ahashverosh (also known as Ahasuerus and Ahashuerus) decided to have a \_\_\_\_\_  
Noun. 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Verb - Past Tense for her disobedience. The King took his advice and Vashti was

\_\_\_\_\_  
Verb - Past Tense.

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

the eligible \_\_\_\_\_  
Noun - Plural in the kingdom. One of those was Esther, a Jewish \_\_\_\_\_  
Noun. Esther, who was an \_\_\_\_\_  
Noun,

had been raised by Mordechai, her \_\_\_\_\_  
Proper Noun, after her parents' death. Mordechai instructed Esther not to

divulge her Jewishness when she went to meet the \_\_\_\_\_  
Proper Noun. Each day, Mordechai walked by the court and

asked after his \_\_\_\_\_  
Proper Noun. Esther impressed all who met her, including the King, and she was elevated to \_\_\_\_\_  
Noun.

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