



Esther

Session 3: The Defiant Queen

Before watching today's DVD session and discussing the questions below, re-read *The Book of Esther*, chapter 1.1 through 2.1.

1. Describe some of the characteristics of the banquets that serve as the background to the story of *Esther*.
2. What is the King's request of the Queen all about?
3. What is the significance of Queen Vashti's response?
4. How does the specter of "uppity" women shape the deliberations of the King and his advisors?

5. How is the idea of “Master of his own house” ironic?

6. What are the implications of this session’s material for your personal life? Your spiritual journey? For your local faith community?

