

A Timeline of Esther

486 Xerxes is crowned king after the death of his father Darius.

484 A pair of revolts in Egypt are brutally suppressed.

483 *Vašti refuses to participate in his feast at Šuša.*

Persian forces invade Greece.

480 The Persians are defeated at the Battle of Salamis.

479 *Esther is chosen as the new queen.*

474/3 *Haman plots against the Jews and Esther defeats him.*

NISAN (1) 1 Haman approaches the king.
13 The Edict is sent out.

SIVAN (3) 21 Esther requests a feast with Xerxes and Haman.
22 Mordecai is honored. Haman is hanged.
23 The protection order is sent out.

ADAR (12) 13 The Jews defend themselves.
14 Purim is instituted.

465 Xerxes and two of his sons are assassinated in an attempted coup.

This timeline assumes that Esther uses the Babylonian system for regnal years. Xerxes I was in his early 30's when he ascended the throne and reigned for 21 years. Xerxes already had sons by his wife, who is called Amestris in Greek sources. It is unclear if this is the same person as Vašti.

Financial Summary

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| 2023 Budget | \$224,885 | Budget to Date | \$77,850 |
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- Believers' Baptism -

7 Youth Group Interest Meeting, after worship
14 Mothers' Day
21 Music Team Meeting, after worship
Bill Paige, Community Chaplain, will be visiting with us.

Have a Bible question you've always wanted answered? Or a part of the Bible you wish someone would explain? Email your question or idea to **pastor@bedfordroad.org** for inclusion in our summer topical series (June 4-July 9).

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