

**THE IMMORALITY - V6**  
The courtyard had fine white curtains and purple drapes that were tied to silver rings on marble pillars by white and purple cords. And there were gold and silver couches on a floor set with tiles of white marble, shells, and gems.

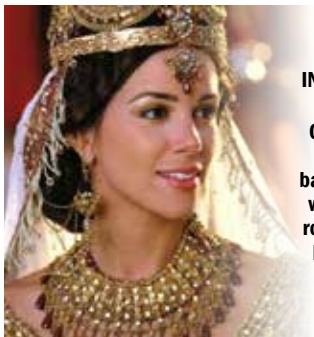
**THE INDULGENCE - V7**

Wine was served in gold cups of various kinds. And there was plenty of the king's wine, because he was very generous.



**THE INDISCRETION - V8**

The king commanded that the guests be permitted to drink as much as they wished. He told the wine servers to serve each man what he wanted.



**THE INDIFFERENCE - V9**

Queen Vashti also gave a banquet for the women in the royal palace of King Xerxes.





A CONFIRMATION OF AUTHORITY - V1-2



#### THE IDENTITY - V1A

This is what happened during the time of King Xerxes,

#### THE IMPORTANCE - V1B-2

the king who ruled the one hundred twenty-seven states from India to Cush. In those days King Xerxes ruled from his capital city of Susa.



A CULTIVATED ARROGANCE - V3-4



#### THE IMPRESSION - V3

In the third year of his rule, he gave a banquet for all his important men and royal officers. The army leaders from the countries of Persia and Media and the important men from all Xerxes' empire were there.



#### THE IMPERTINENCE - V4

The banquet lasted one hundred eighty days. All during that time King Xerxes was showing off the great wealth of his kingdom and his own great riches and glory.



A CONSUMING APPETITE - V5-9

#### THE INSOLENCE - V5

When the one hundred eighty days were over, the king gave another banquet. It was held in the courtyard of the palace garden for seven days, and it was for everybody in the palace at Susa, from the greatest to the least.

