

# Review Questions

1. Why was Esther raised by her cousin Mordecai? *Her parents had died.*
2. What country were Esther and Mordecai living in? *Persia.*
3. Who was the king of Persia in the book of Esther: Ahasuerus, Belshazzar, or Cyrus? *Ahasuerus.*
4. Why were all the beautiful, young women gathered and brought to the palace? *The king was looking for a new queen.*
5. Why didn't Mordecai want Esther to use the name Hadassah? *She would be recognized as a Jew.*
6. Name one of the things the servant Hegai did for Esther in the palace. *(Allow several students to answer.) He gave her cosmetics (beauty treatments), food, servants, and the best place in the house.*
7. What did the king give Esther to show she was chosen to be queen? *Royal crown.*
8. What did God arrange for Mordecai to overhear at the king's gate? *Two servants plotting to kill the king.*
9. How did Mordecai stop the plot? *He told Esther, who told the king, and the king had the two men killed.*
10. Who rose to a powerful position in Persia? *Haman.*
11. Who made Haman angry by refusing to bow to him? *Mordecai.*
12. To get revenge, Haman determined to kill not only Mordecai but also what people? *All the Jews.*
13. Haman got the king to sign a decree to destroy the Jews because he said they didn't keep the king's what? *Laws.*
14. What did Mordecai and the Jews do when they heard this decree that they be killed? *They mourned, fasted, and wept.*
15. What did Mordecai ask Esther to do? *Go before the king and plead for their lives.*
16. Why was it dangerous for Esther to appear before the king uninvited? *If he wasn't pleased to see her, he could have her killed.*
17. What did Esther ask Mordecai and the Jews to do before she went before the king? *Fast for three days.*
18. Why did God keep the king from sleeping one night? *So the king would call for the chronicles to be read to him and remember how Mordecai had saved his life.*
19. What did the king do to show his favor to Esther when she approached his throne? *Held out his scepter.*
20. When did Esther reveal Haman's plot and beg the king to save her and her people: in the throne room, at her first banquet, or at her second banquet? *At her second banquet.*
21. How did the king punish Haman? *He was hung on the gallows he built to kill Mordecai.*
22. With the king's permission, how did Esther and Mordecai stop the Jews from being destroyed? *They sent out letters to cancel (revoke) Haman's previous decree and to allow the Jews to defend themselves.*
23. Whose name is not mentioned in the book of Esther even though we see him clearly controlling all the people and events? *God.*

Bonus: Name the Jewish holiday that celebrates the defeat of Haman and the salvation of the Jews.  
*Purim.*