

Do you relate to VASHTI or ESTHER?

(**Esther 1:3--**) *In the 3rd. year of his reign, King Ahasuerus made a feast unto all his princes* (those with vague expectations of one day ruling...) *and close servants. The king desired to show the riches of his kingdom for 180 days* and at the conclusion of those days he made a further feast for the people of **7 days** making a total of **187 days of feasting**. How can we link this to 'Tabernacles'? (the 187th. day of the Hebrew year is the day of atonement in the Feast of Tabernacles ... the 3rd. feast that God expected His people to celebrate ... Leviticus 25). Vashti was conspicuous by her absence! **She was the queen of the past** seen by her actions, she "*did her own thing*" ... She had the calling of the queen and enjoyed some of the privileges of that position ... **but without a 'now' desire to please the King as a priority, she missed out on seeing the riches of the King's kingdom.** **By contrast Esther** fully submitted to the anointing and required only that which would please the king, she laid down her own desires and experienced the full blessings of a true union. Now '*the Church system*' is likened to Vashti who has been summoned to the Feast of Tabernacles and has refused to come... but ... there is *a people within the people* of God that delight in pleasing the King.

Now which model is it to be for you ... the Vashti or the Esther pattern?

[For a deeper look at the Esther pattern. see http://www.godfire.net/rayknight/71_esthertoday.pdf]