1. Continuing the story, why are Esther, Xerxes, and Haman at a banquet?
2. What is the first question that the king asks Esther and what is her reply?

3. Explain how Esther’s word choices influence the king’s reaction?

4. What is the second question that the king asks Esther and what is her reply?

5. When, if ever, do you think the king realized that Esther was a Jew?

6. How does Haman react to Esther’s statement and how does the king perceive his reaction?

7. What causes the king’s anger to subside?

8. What lessons can we learn from Esther, Xerxes, and Haman in the chapter?