

# Esther



The king in the book of Esther was called "Ahasuerus" in the Hebrew language that the Israelites spoke. In other languages he had different names: for example we think that the Greeks called him "Xerxes I". That is why some Bible translations use the name "Ahasuerus" whilst others write "Xerxes". Not many words have more than one X but this one has plenty: hexakosioihexekontahexaphobia. It means fear of the number 666!

**Did You Know?**



Someone has moved round all the food on Esther's banquetting table and two things have gone missing!

Can you work out what? (It's trickier than you might think!)