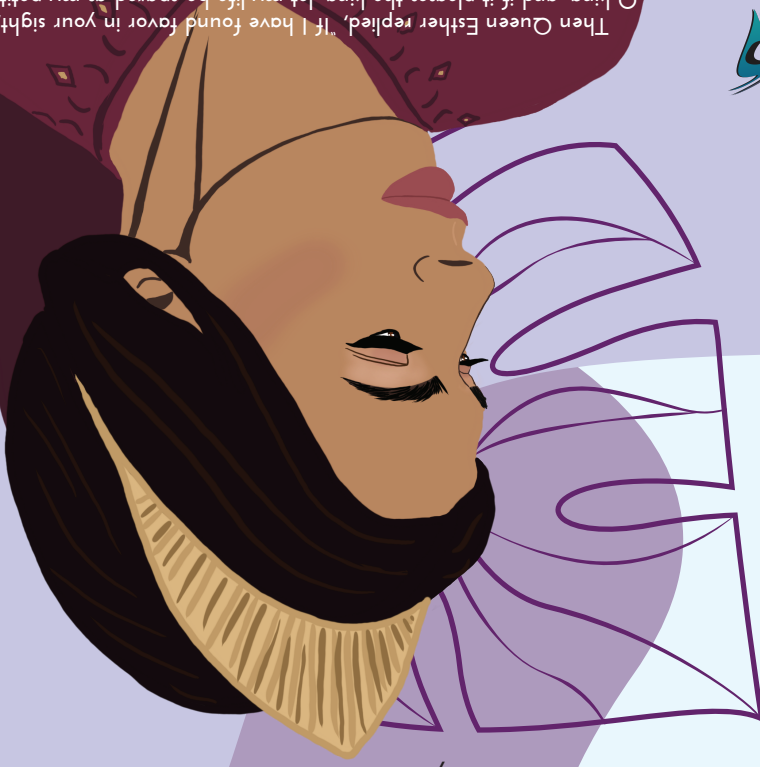


Then Queen Esther replied, "If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be spared as my petition, and my people [be spared] as my request; or we have been sold, and my people, to be destroyed, killed and wiped out of existence." (Esther 7: 3-4 (AMP))

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The Rise of a Queen and a nation redeemed
by the Hand of God

Esther's Story

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- Esther and her family were Jewish, even though she lived in Susa, the capital of the Persian Empire.
- Esther's parents passed away when she was very young. Her older cousin, Mordecai, lovingly adopted her as his daughter.
- Mordecai worked as a court attendant at the palace gate.
- Esther's birth name was Hadassah, which means 'Myrtle tree'. A Myrtle tree is a very leafy and full evergreen tree.
- Ahasuerus (also known as Xerxes I) was the king of the Persian Empire, which stretched from India across to Ethiopia. One day, his wife, queen Vashti, disrespected and embarrassed the king in front of his kingdom when she refused to attend a banquet when the king summoned for her. He, therefore, banished her from his presence and removed her crown and authority.
- His wise men then suggested that he should look for a new wife.
- Beautiful virgins were sought across his entire kingdom and they were put on a special purification regimen.
- Esther was one of these chosen virgins and she found great favour in the eyes of Hegai, the king's eunuch, who oversaw all the chosen women.
- Finally, after twelve months, Esther won the king's heart above all the other women and became queen. She was highly favoured by him and she respected him, both privately, as well as in the company of others.
- One day, Mordecai overheard a plot to kill the king by two of the king's eunuchs, Teresh and Bigthan. Mordecai then shared this with Esther and she in turn warned the king, which saved the king's life.
- Another evil man was working for the king and his name was Haman. Over time the king promoted Haman to have authority above all the other princes in the kingdom, even the servants at the king's gate bowed to him. However, being a man of God, Mordecai refused to bow to him.
- This enraged Haman and he wanted to destroy every Jewish person. Haman approached the king and told him that a certain people group were not following his law and that he should not tolerate this. He asked for permission to deal with it by irradiating them. The king consented.

Amen.

In the Name of Jesus Christ. Thank You.

restore my soul.

Please come and touch me today. I receive Your healing to

healing hand in my life. Holy Spirit, you know my story.

Father God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. I need Your

A prayer for your healing:

(For reference read Romans 10:9 & 10)

my life today. In the Name of Jesus, I pray, Amen.

Jesus, I ask You to come into my heart, and to be the Lord of

Father, thank You for raising up Jesus from the dead.

the cross.

Please forgive me for my sins, as I believe Jesus died for me on

Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus.

Say this prayer for your Salvation:

Lord of your life, good things will come from your hurt and pain.

God can forgive, restore, and help you. So, if you make Jesus the

be your Saviour. He also wants to be your Healer.

God is a good Father. So, you are loved by Him! Jesus wants to

- Haman wrote a letter and sent it out to all the provinces telling the governors to kill all the Jewish people, even the children.
- Mordecai and many Jewish people, therefore, went into fasting and wore sackcloth and ashes. Esther found out about the evil plan from Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who she sent to speak to Mordecai. Mordecai also sent her a copy of the decree and asked her to go to the king on behalf of all the Jews.

God's Hand in Esther's Life

- We can see God's fingerprints throughout Esther's life.
- God helped Esther to save her nation from being destroyed by Haman's evil plan even though it could have put her life in jeopardy by her approaching the king directly (Esther 7:3). The law stated that anyone who approached the king without being beckoned would be put to death.
- In tough times, Esther knew how to seek breakthroughs by fasting and praying to God. Just before she went to see the king, Esther called for a special fast amongst all the Jews for three days, one without food and drink.
- When Esther entered the king's court, he graciously held out his sceptre towards her so that she was able to approach him. She then invited the king and Haman to a banquet.
- Esther used this opportunity to reveal Haman's evil plan at the banquet. The king in turn was furious and had Haman hanged on the gallows that Haman had built to hang Mordecai on for defying him.
- The king allowed Esther to write a new decree so that her people would be able to protect themselves and be honoured.
- God made a way for His people and He used Esther and Mordecai in a marvellous way. God has amazing plans for your life too and He wants to use you on this earth to make a difference. It does not matter what country you live in or what your history is. You are a precious instrument in His hand.

You can read more about Esther's story in the Bible book of Esther, from Esther chapter 1 to chapter 8.