

Esther, Part 3

Vashti (“beautiful”)

- pictures Israel’s rejection of God’s will for them

The King didn’t invite an elite bloodline, but invited “whosoever will.”

The King wants a bride that can show the world a different response to His commands!

Hadassah (“myrtle tree”)

- can only grow so tall, can’t move from where life has planted you
- She was an orphan and a victim – but for Mordecai and the King!

Esther (“star”)

- even the night can’t put out your light!

A year of preparation (2:12) for one night with the King!

“I didn’t put on this perfume for YOU, but for the KING!”

Mordecai – preacher – brings Esther to the King, saw her destiny

Hegai – the Word – had insight into the King, Esther submitted

Esther 2:15 Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, **she required nothing but what Hegai the king’s chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed.** And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

What do you give someone who has everything? ONLY YOURSELF!

You’re not an orphan anymore – He is the King, but you are His Queen!

I AM (already) what God says I am!

IF YOU MOVE THE HEART OF GOD, YOU MOVE THE HAND OF GOD! Esther’s relationship with the King affected the destiny of a nation.

The battle is not over POWER, the battle is over KNOWLEDGE – because the church doesn’t know who she is!

The number two power is NOT the devil, it is the Queen (the church!). Why? Because the Queen is in a position of influence with the King! Esther had no control over Haman, but she had influence with the King!

IF YOUR ENEMY IS THE KING’S ENEMY, THEN YOUR BATTLE IS THE KING’S BATTLE!

Mordecai became protector of the King’s gate – he knew what came out and what got in. That’s how he discovered a conspiracy against the King.

Haman demanded worship from all – Mordecai only bowed to ONE. The devil doesn’t see all those that bow; he just sees the one that doesn’t!

Haman couldn’t touch Mordecai without permission (like Job). If Haman has so much power, then why does he have to use the King’s name?!

Esther has the power – but Mordecai has the revelation!

Esther had already seen her dream fulfilled (being in the palace), but Mordecai’s vision was still getting bigger!!

Esther was just enjoying the perks of the palace and the service of her servants – so she tried to get rid of Mordecai’s sackcloth (!).

Esther 4:1-4 When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry; And came even before the king’s gate: for none might enter into the king’s gate clothed with sackcloth. And in every province, whithersoever the king’s commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes. So Esther’s maids and her chamberlains came and told it her. **Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received it not.**

Esther 4:13-14 Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king’s house, more than all the Jews. For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father’s house shall be destroyed: **and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?**

“I’ve already had enough burdens” – but if you hold your peace, you will be destroyed! Mordecai wouldn’t give up until Esther acted!

“The King might not hold out His sceptre” – that’s the old orphan spirit talking! Esther, either way your life is at stake!

If we do nothing, the enemy will win by default – because there is no challenger. Deliverance WILL come – someone WILL be used by God – will it be YOU?

The king's decree had been issued and could not be altered, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians. The Jews would be robbed and slain in just a few months!

Esther 3:7 In the first month, that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that is, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, to the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar.

However, through the advice of Mordecai, a counter-decree was given without nullifying the previous decree. The Jews would be able to stand and defend themselves and their property.

Esther 8:10-11 And he wrote in the king Ahasuerus' name, and sealed it with the king's ring, and sent letters by posts on horseback, and riders on mules, camels, and young dromedaries: Wherein the king granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, both little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey,

When the twelfth month arrived, the Jews were ready. They had the King on their side! The king did not cancel the old law; he merely gave a new law that superseded it. This is true in the Christian life; the law of sin and death has been overcome by the law of the Spirit.

Romans 8:1-2 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:10-14 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin (**old law still active**); but the Spirit is life because of righteousness (**new law given without canceling old law**). But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you (**we have the King on our side**). Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh (**we don't have to submit to the old decree**). For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live (**stand and fight for deliverance**). For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

The decree has been issued (doctor's diagnosis, judge's verdict, counselor's opinion, banker's assessment, family's opposition, devil's boast) – BUT YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO FIGHT!