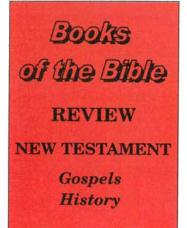
A Queen Saves Her People

Bible Lesson: Esther 3:7 - 9:32



In our story today, we learn about a young Jewish woman whom God used to save His people. This Jewish woman's name was Esther. Esther was kind and very beautiful, and she became the queen of the country of Persia.

In the country where Esther lived, there were also many other Jews. Some people did not like the Jews. One day they asked the king to make a rule that it was all right for people to kill Jews. The king listened to them and signed the law.

Esther's uncle Mordecai had taken care of Esther when her parents died. Now he lived near the king's palace and could send

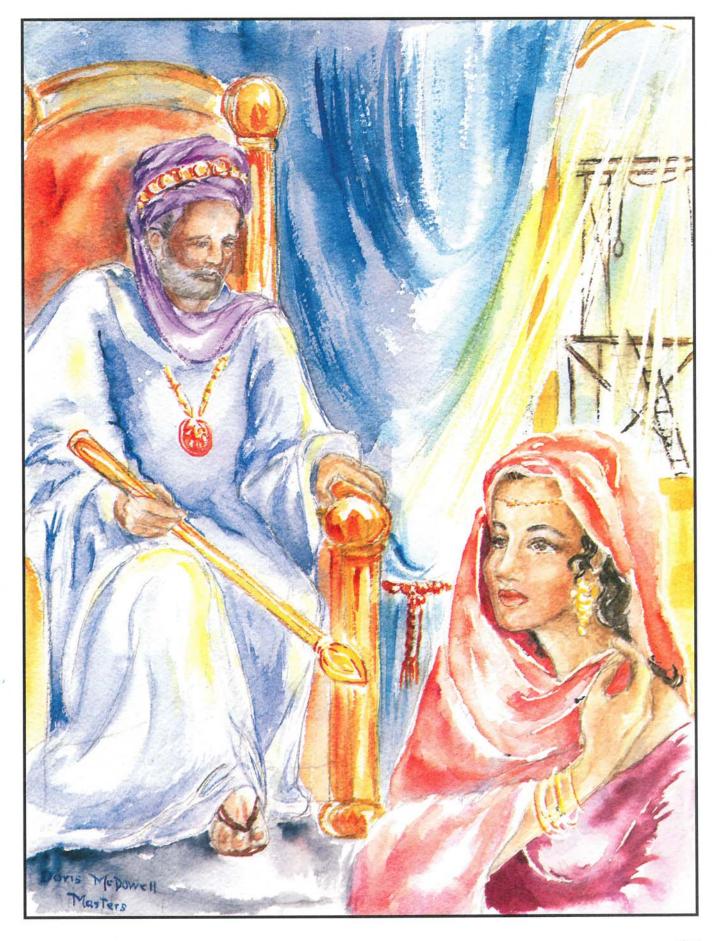
messages to her. Mordecai heard about the law and was very sad. He sent a message to Esther. He asked her to talk to the king to see if he would change his mind about the law to kill Jews. Mordecai said to Esther, "Who knows whether you have not become queen for such a time as this?"

Esther feared the king. She knew he was very powerful. But Esther knew it was right to try to help her people even if it was dangerous. She asked the Jews in her city to pray for her. God watched over Esther. He was with her when she went to talk with the king. She asked the king to help save her people. The king had not known that his Queen Esther was a Jew. The king listened to Esther. Now he did not want the Jews to be killed. He made a new law which said the Jews could defend their lives against anyone who tried to kill them.

God had mercy on His people in Persia. He helped Esther to be strong and brave. God answered Esther's prayer to save the Jews from the plans of evil men.

Memory Verse

I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. *Psalm 18:3*





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