



HAVERIM

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so was she

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by God

for His
glory



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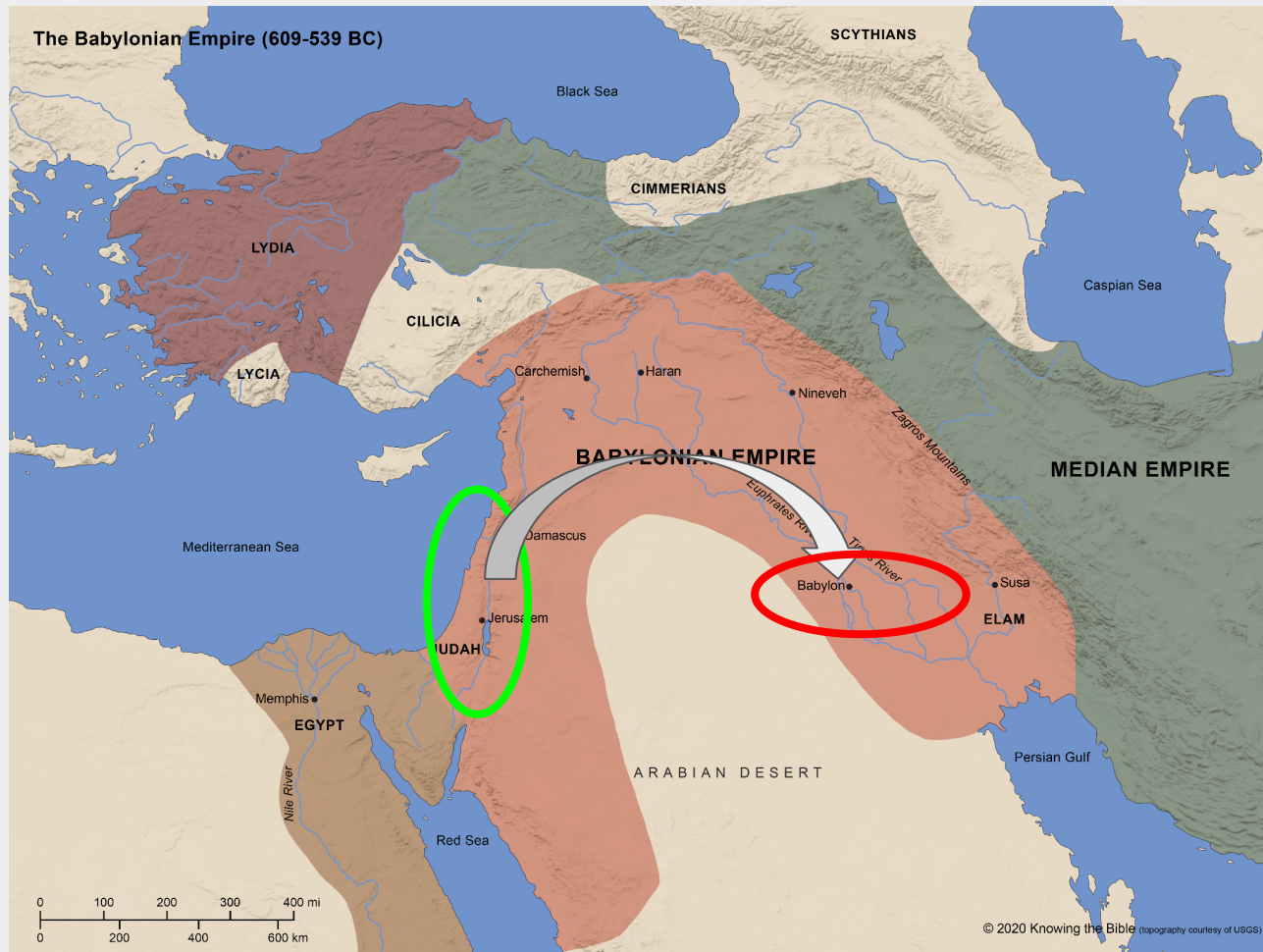
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Then God spoke all these words, saying, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. **You shall have no other gods before Me.**”

Exodus 20:1-3

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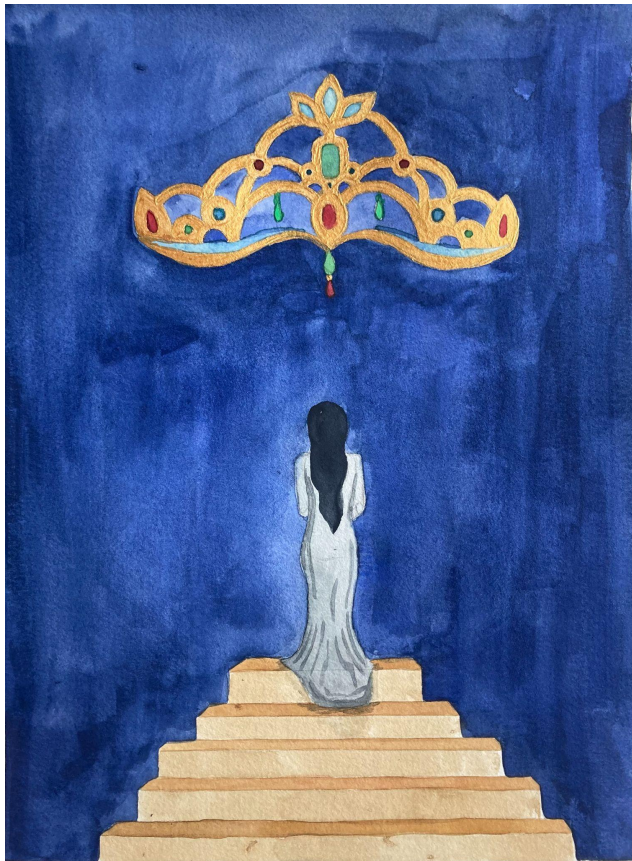
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“Now there was a Jew in Susa the citadel whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, son of Shimej, son of Kish, a Benjaminite,”

Esther 2:5

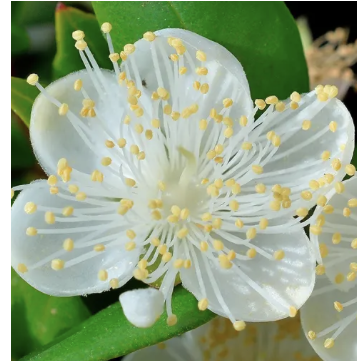
Mordecai

- Hebrew form of Marduka, derived from Marduk - principle god of Babylon
- Kish and Shimei - allusion to Saul
1 Samuel 9:1-2
Haman the Agagite (Esther 3:1)
2 Samuel 16:5

Esther

Ishtar - love and war

Persian “stara” - star



Hadassah

Hebrew - myrtle, symbol of peace

Hebrew root “str” - hide or conceal



The LORD is the one who goes ahead of you;
He will be with you. He will not fail you or
forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

Deuteronomy 31:8

~Esther was called by God for His glory.

~Right now I hear God calling me to _____.

~This week I will respond to that call by