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so was she

called
by God

for His
glory



Esther: Daughter of Favor

- Jewish name: Hadassah; Persian name: Esther
- 4 years from Vashti's exile to Esther's reign
- More than 400 girls in "beauty contest"
- Queen Vashti & Esther trading places



Esther: Daughter of Favor

What is a eunuch?

- A castrated man who guarded the harem
- Teacher and advisor to the women
- Servant to the king
- Hebrew “saris” translates to eunuch or royal official

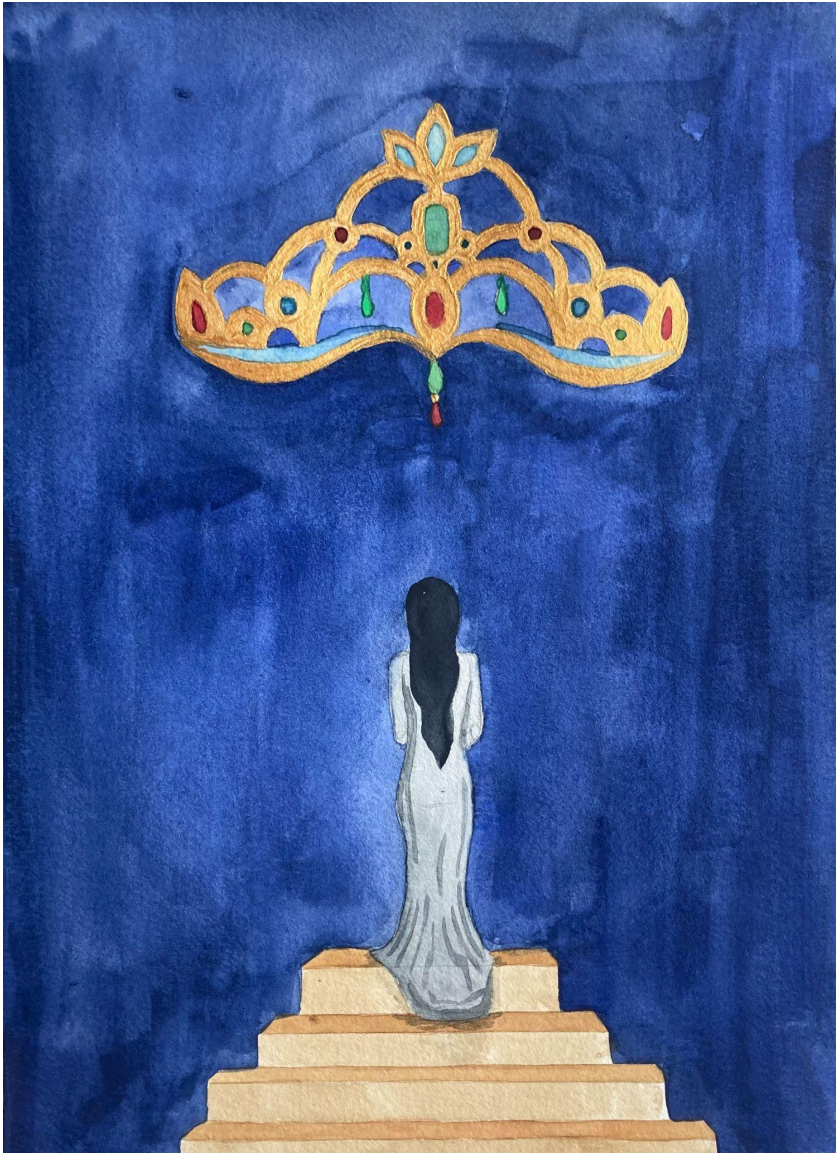


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What is a harem?

- Place in the king's palace where wives lived
- Wives were together, but secluded
- Segregated from the world, could never leave
- Queen → Wives → Concubines





Why did Mordecai instruct
Esther not to reveal her
Jewish heritage?

Esther Chapter 2 Verse 10

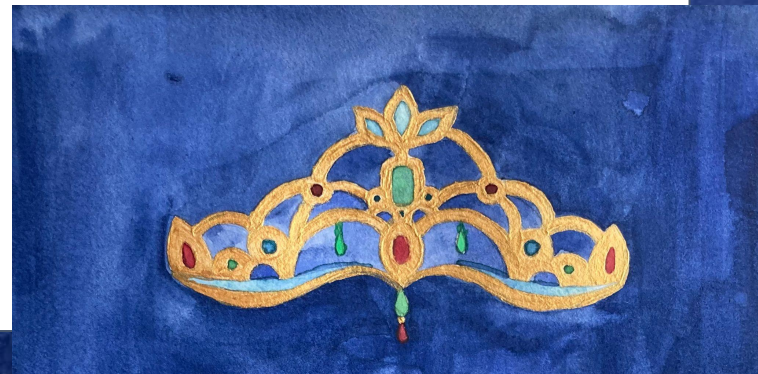
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What about Mordecai?

- Compassionate
- Palace official
- Shrewd

“Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be **shrewd** as serpents and **innocent** as doves.”

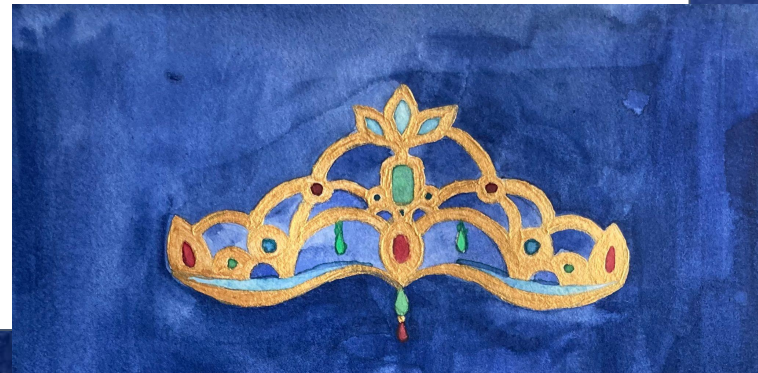
Matt. 10:16



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The process of becoming Queen

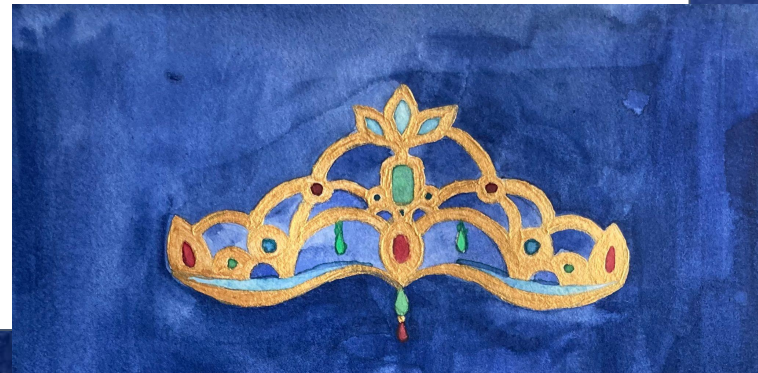
- Exiled Jewess
- Virgin in the harem
- Concubine/Wife
- Favorite: Queen



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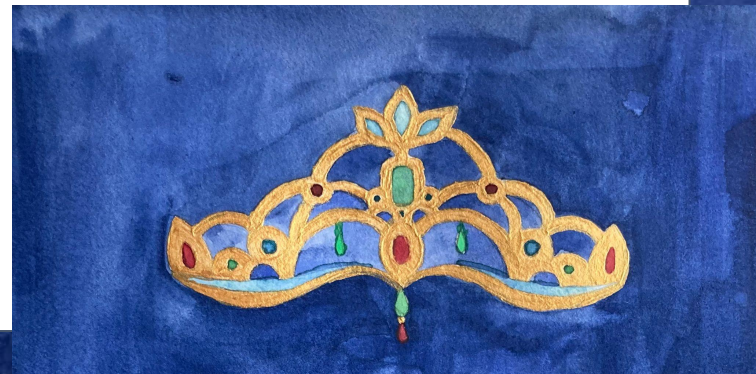
Virgins assembled a **second** time – Esther 2:19

- Marks a point in time
- Fulfill the King's lust
- Warning to women throughout the kingdom



Mordecai at the King's Gate

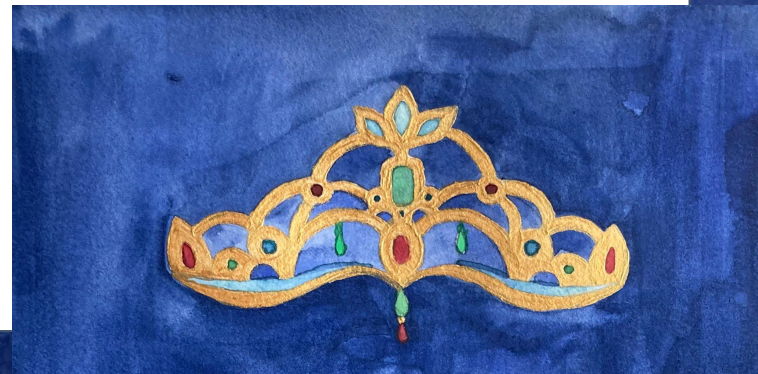
- Prophets cried out
- Judges adjudicated
- King's decrees read
- Business transacted



Esther: Daughter of Favor - Review

- Vashti and Esther trade places
- Esther is shown favor in the palace
- Concealed Jewish heritage
- Shrewdness and Innocence foil a plot

God's Favor is Evident Every Step of the Way

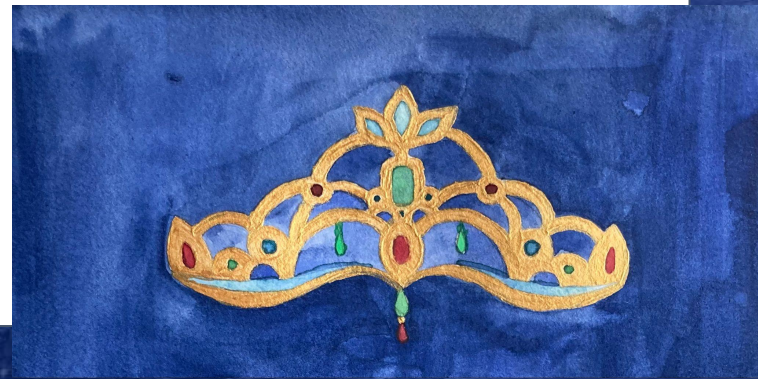


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Lessons from Esther 2:8-23

- Obedient to authority
- Loveable to everyone
- Humble to a fault

Luke 14:11 – The humble will be exalted





*Esther was called by God for
His glory.*

*Right now I hear God calling
me to _____.*

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