



LIFE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Queen Esther

1. Marital Advice

Esther 1:1

Now it took place in the days
of Ahasuerus, the Ahasuerus who
reigned from India to Ethiopia
over 127 provinces,

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Esther 1:3

in the third year of his reign he gave a banquet for all his princes and attendants, the army *officers* of Persia and Media, the nobles and the princes of his provinces being in his presence.

Esther 1:10

On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, Abagtha, Zethar and Carkas, the seven eunuchs who served in the presence of King Ahasuerus,

Esther 1:11

to bring Queen Vashti before the king with *her* royal crown in order to display her beauty to the people and the princes, for she was beautiful.

Esther 1:12

But Queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command delivered by the eunuchs. Then the king became very angry and his wrath burned within him.

Ephesians 5:22

***Wives, be subject* to your own
husbands, as to the Lord.**

Ephesians 5:25

**Husbands, love your wives, just
as Christ also loved the church
and gave Himself up for her,**

Ephesians 5:33

Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must *see to it* that she respects her husband.

1 Peter 3:1

In the same way, you wives, be
submissive to your own husbands so
that even if any *of them* are
disobedient to the word, they may
be won without a word by the behavior
of their wives,

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1 Peter 3:2
as they observe your chaste
and respectful behavior.

2. Esther and Mordecai

Esther 2:2

Then the king's attendants, who served him, said, "Let beautiful young virgins be sought for the king."

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Esther 2:4

Then let the young lady who pleases the king be queen in place of Vashti.” And the matter pleased the king, and he did accordingly.

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Esther 2:5

***Now there was at the citadel in
Susa a Jew whose name
was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the
son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a
Benjamite,***

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Esther 2:6

who had been taken into exile from Jerusalem with the captives who had been exiled with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had exiled.

Esther 2:7

He was bringing up Hadassah, that is Esther, his uncle's daughter, for she had no father or mother. Now the young lady was beautiful of form and face, and when her father and her mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter.

Psalm 27:10

**For my father and my mother
have forsaken me,
but the LORD will take me up.**

Esther 2:10

Esther did not make known her
people or her kindred, for
Mordecai had instructed her that
she should not
make *them* known.

Esther 2:15a

Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai who had taken her as his daughter, came to go in to the king,

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Esther 2:15b

she did not request anything except
what Hegai, the king's eunuch who
was in charge of the
women, advised. And Esther found
favor in the eyes of all who saw
her.

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Esther 2:17

The king loved Esther more than all the women, and she found favor and kindness with him more than all the virgins, so that he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.

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Esther 2:20

Esther had not yet made known her kindred or her people, even as Mordecai had commanded her; for Esther did what Mordecai told her as she had done when under his care.

1 Thessalonians 5:12

**But we request of you, brethren,
that you appreciate those who
diligently labor among you,
and have charge over you in the
Lord and give you instruction,**

1 Thessalonians 5:13
and that you esteem them very
highly in love because of their
work. Live in peace with one
another.

Hebrews 13:17

**Obey your leaders and submit *to them*,
for they keep watch over your souls as
those who will give an account. Let
them do this with joy and not with
grief, for this would be unprofitable for
you.**

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Esther 2:21

In those days, while Mordecai was sitting at the king's gate, Bigthan and Teresh, two of the king's officials from those who guarded the door, became angry and sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus.

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Esther 2:22

But the plot became known to Mordecai and he told Queen Esther, and Esther informed the king in Mordecai's name.

Esther 2:23

Now when the plot was investigated and found *to be so*, they were both hanged on a gallows; and it was written in the Book of the Chronicles in the king's presence.

3. Haman's Evil Plot

Esther 3:1

After these events King Ahasuerus promoted Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him and established his authority over all the princes who *were* with him.

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Esther 3:2

All the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down and paid homage to Haman; for so the king had commanded concerning him.

But Mordecai neither bowed down nor paid homage.

Esther 3:4

Now it was when they had spoken daily to him and he would not listen to them, that they told Haman to see whether Mordecai's reason would stand; for he had told them that he was a Jew.

Esther 3:5

**When Haman saw that Mordecai
neither bowed down nor paid
homage to him, Haman was
filled with rage.**

Esther 3:9

If it is pleasing to the king, let it be decreed that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who carry on the *king's* business, to put into the king's treasuries.”

Esther 3:11

The king said to Haman, “The silver is yours, and the people *also*, to do with them as you please.”

Ecclesiastes 7:9

**Do not be eager in your heart to
be angry, for anger resides in the
bosom of fools.**

Proverbs 14:17

**A quick-tempered man acts
foolishly, and a man of evil
devices is hated.**

Psalm 37:1

**Do not fret because of
evildoers,
Be not envious toward
wrongdoers.**

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Psalm 37:7

**Rest in the LORD and wait patiently
for Him; Do not fret because of
him who prospers in his way,
Because of the man who carries
out wicked schemes.**

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Psalm 37:8

**Cease from anger and forsake
wrath; Do not fret; *it leads* only
to evildoing.**

1 John 3:11

**For this is the message which
you have heard from the
beginning, that we should love
one another;**

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1 John 3:12

not as Cain, *who* was of the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous.

1 John 3:15

**Everyone who hates his brother
is a murderer; and you know
that no murderer has eternal life
abiding in him.**

John 8:44a

You are of *your* father the devil,
and you want to do the desires
of your father. He was a
murderer from the beginning,

John 8:44b

**and does not stand in the truth
because there is no truth in him.**

**Whenever he speaks a lie,
he speaks from his own *nature*, for
he is a liar and the father of lies.**

4. Esther's Plans to Intercede

Esther 4:1

When Mordecai learned all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city and wailed loudly and bitterly.

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Esther 4:7

Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact amount of money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews.

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Esther 4:13

Then Mordecai told *them* to reply to Esther, “Do not imagine that you in the king’s palace can escape any more than all the Jews.

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Esther 4:14

For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?"

Esther 4:16a

“Go, assemble all the Jews who are found in Susa, and fast for me; do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maidens also will fast in the same way.

Esther 4:16b

**And thus I will go in to the king,
which is not according to the
law; and if I perish, I perish.”**

5. The Banquet

Esther 5:3

Then the king said to her, “What is *troubling* you, Queen Esther? And what is your request? Even to half of the kingdom it shall be given to you.”

Esther 5:4

Esther said, “If it pleases the king, may the king and Haman come this day to the banquet that I have prepared for him.”

Esther 5:6

As they drank their wine at the banquet, the king said to Esther, “What is your petition, for it shall be granted to you. And what is your request? Even to half of the kingdom it shall be done.”

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Esther 5:7

**So Esther replied, “My petition
and my request is:**

Esther 5:8

if I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and do what I request, may the king and Haman come to the banquet which I will prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do as the king says.”

Esther 5:9

Then Haman went out that day glad and pleased of heart; but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate and that he did not stand up or tremble before him, Haman was filled with anger against Mordecai.

Esther 5:11

Then Haman recounted to them the glory of his riches, and the number of his sons, and every *instance* where the king had magnified him and how he had promoted him above the princes and servants of the king.

Esther 5:13

**Yet all of this does not satisfy
me every time I see Mordecai
the Jew sitting at the king's
gate.”**

Esther 5:14a

Then Zeresh his wife and all his friends said to him, “Have a gallows fifty cubits high made and in the morning ask the king to have Mordecai hanged on it;

Esther 5:14b

then go joyfully with the king to the banquet.” And the advice pleased Haman, so he had the gallows made.

Daniel 4:30

The king reflected and said, 'Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?'

Daniel 4:37

**Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise,
exalt and honor the King of heaven,
for all His works are true and His
ways just, and He is able to humble
those who walk in pride.”**

Proverbs 27:2

**Let another praise you, and not
your own mouth;
A stranger, and not your own
lips.**

6. Mordecai Honored

Esther 6:1

During that night the king could not sleep so he gave an order to bring the book of records, the chronicles, and they were read before the king.

Esther 6:2

It was found written what Mordecai had reported concerning Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs who were doorkeepers, that they had sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus.

Esther 6:3

The king said, “What honor or dignity has been bestowed on Mordecai for this?” Then the king’s servants who attended him said, “Nothing has been done for him.”

Esther 6:6

So Haman came in and the king said to him, “What is to be done for the man whom the king desires to honor?”

And Haman said to himself, “Whom would the king desire to honor more than me?”

Esther 6:7,8

Then Haman said to the king, “For the man whom the king desires to honor, let them bring a royal robe which the king has worn, and the horse on which the king has ridden, and on whose head a royal crown has been placed;

Esther 6:9a

**and let the robe and the horse be
handed over to one of the king's
most noble princes and let them
array the man whom the king
desires to honor and lead**

Esther 6:9b

him on horseback through the city square, and proclaim before him, ‘Thus it shall be done to the man whom the king desires to honor.’”

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Esther 6:10

Then the king said to Haman, “Take quickly the robes and the horse as you have said, and do so for Mordecai the Jew, who is sitting at the king’s gate; do not fall short in anything of all that you have said.”

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Matthew 23:12

Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted.

James 4:6

But He gives a greater grace.
Therefore *it* says, “GOD IS OPPOSED
TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE
HUMBLE.”

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7. Haman is Hanged

Esther 7:3

Then Queen Esther replied, “If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me as my petition, and my people as my request;

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Esther 7:4

for we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed and to be annihilated. Now if we had only been sold as slaves, men and women, I would have remained silent, for the trouble would not be commensurate with the annoyance to the king.”

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Esther 7:5

Then King Ahasuerus asked
Queen Esther, “Who is he, and
where is he, who would
presume to do thus?”

Esther 7:6

**Esther said, “A foe and an enemy is this wicked Haman!”
Then Haman became terrified
before the king and queen.**

Esther 7:7

The king arose in his anger from drinking wine *and went* into the palace garden; but Haman stayed to beg for his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that harm had been determined against him by the king.

Esther 7:8a

Now when the king returned from the palace garden into the place where they were drinking wine, Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was.

Esther 7:8b

Then the king said, “Will he even assault the queen with me in the house?” As the word went out of the king’s mouth, they covered Haman’s face.

Esther 7:9

Then Harbonah, one of the eunuchs who *were* before the king said, “Behold indeed, the gallows standing at Haman’s house fifty cubits high, which Haman made for Mordecai who spoke good on behalf of the king!” And the king said, “Hang him on it.”

Esther 7:10

**So they hanged Haman on
the gallows which he had
prepared for Mordecai, and the
king's anger subsided.**

Galatians 6:7

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.

Galatians 6:8

**For the one who sows to his own
flesh will from the flesh
reap corruption, but the one who
sows to the Spirit will from the
Spirit reap eternal life.**

Hosea 8:7a

**For they sow the wind
And they reap the whirlwind.
The standing grain has no heads;**

Proverbs 26:27

**He who digs a pit will fall into it,
And he who rolls a stone, it will
come back on him.**

8. Victory for the Jews

Esther 8:2

The king took off his signet ring which he had taken away from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

Esther 10:3

For Mordecai the Jew
was second *only* to King Ahasuerus, and
great among the Jews and in favor with
his many kinsmen, one who sought the
good of his people and one who spoke
for the welfare of his whole nation.

Esther 8:11

In them the king granted the Jews who were in each and every city *the right* to assemble and to defend their lives, to destroy, to kill and to annihilate the entire army of any people or province which might attack them, including children and women, and to plunder their spoil,

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Esther 8:17

In each and every province and in each and every city, wherever the king's commandment and his decree arrived, there was gladness and joy for the Jews, a feast and a holiday. And many among the peoples of the land became Jews, for the dread of the Jews had fallen on them.

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