

Chapter 20

Primary Characters



King Xerxes: Ruler of the world.

Haman: The villain.

**Queen Vashti: Woman of character
and conviction.**



Queen Esther: Exhibits both inner and outer beauty.

Mordecai: Stepfather of Esther



“You shall have no other gods before me...You shall not bow down to them or worship them...”

Exodus 20:3-5

“Please go into the king’s presence and beg for mercy and plead with him for our people.”

Esther 4:8



“Do not think that because you are in the king’s house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time,...



relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

Esther 4:13-14



Mordecai is saying three things to Esther.

1. Don't think you'll escape the holocaust when it happens.

2. If you don't do something, God will send someone else.



Mordecai is saying three things to Esther.

3. God has positioned you exactly where He wants you for such a time as this.



“If I perish, I perish.”

Esther 4:16

“happy and in high spirits.”

Esther 5:9



“I’m the only person Queen Esther invited to accompany the King to the banquet she gave. And she has invited me along with the king tomorrow. But all this gives me no satisfaction as long as I see that Jew Mordecai sitting at the king’s gate.” Esther 5:12-13



**“Have them bring a royal robe the King has worn and a horse the king has ridden...and have him led around the streets by one of the King’s most noble princes...”
Esther 6:8-9**



“If I have found favor with you, O King, and if it pleases your majesty, grant me my life -- this is my petition. And spare my people - - this is my request. [She’s now identifying herself as a follower of God]. For I and my people have been sold for destruction and slaughter and annihilation.”



“Will he even molest the queen while she is with me in the house?” Esther 7:8



1. Vashti: Take a Moral Stand.

2. Mordecai: Take a Spiritual Stand.

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead,...



For it is with the heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with the mouth that you confess and are saved.” Romans 10:9-10

3. Esther: Take a Positional Stand.

4. God: Recognize His Sovereignty.

