



ESTHER HELPED HER PEOPLE

ESTHER 3-8

A man named Haman was an important official for the king. Haman was in charge of everyone who worked for the king. Everyone obeyed Haman and did what he said because the king told the people to do that.

Haman did not like Mordecai, Queen Esther's cousin. Mordecai would not honor or bow down to Haman. This made Haman very angry. Haman made a plan to get rid of Mordecai and all the Hebrew people living in Persia.

When Mordecai heard about Haman's plan, he became afraid. Mordecai knew Haman would hurt Esther, too, because she was Hebrew.

When Esther learned the news about Haman's plan, she was not sure how she could help. But Mordecai told Esther, "You are not safe from Haman even though you are the queen. If you do not talk to the king, you and your Hebrew family will be hurt. Perhaps you are the queen just so you can help your people now!"

Esther thought about Mordecai's words. She prayed for three days and nights. Esther asked Mordecai and the Hebrew people to pray.

Then Esther went to the king and told him about the bad things Haman planned. The king stopped Haman.

Because she was brave, Esther helped her people be safe from Haman. And the king put Mordecai in charge of everything in the land.