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Esther (Star) (*/ˈɛstər/*; Hebrew: אֶסְתֵּר, Modern Ester, Tiberian 'Estēr), born **Hadassah**, is the eponymous heroine of the Book of Esther. According to the Hebrew Bible, Esther was a Jewish queen of the Persian king Ahasuerus. Ahasuerus is traditionally identified with Xerxes I during the time of the Achaemenid Empire, although Flavius Josephus wrote that Esther's king husband was Xerxes' son Artaxerxes.^[2] Her story is the basis for the celebration of Purim in Jewish tradition.

The ancient story of Queen Esther has been told for generations as an example of wisdom and great personal courage. Her bravery is still commemorated each year in the Jewish festival of Purim. / Now this well-known story of the Jewish girl who became the queen of Persia and saved her people from death is retold for young readers.

The Chosen One

Ester 8 ...she found favor with Hegai, keeper of the women. 9 And the maiden pleased him (Ahasuerus), and she obtained kindness of him... ☪od infrequently chooses someone having favor among men. The Bible contains rare biographies of several great men and women who were powerful leaders. No election, no conclave of officials—no campaigning, stumping or intriguing—no debate, no arguing or legal tussling. God, Himself, chose and made appointments. King David, led Israel 40 years (1 Samuel 16:1) “I have provided me a king among his sons”. Moses was 80 years old, tending sheep, when God’s angel appeared to him in a burning bush regarding Egypt (Exodus 3). Elisha was plowing in a field when the Prophet Elijah walked up and cast his mantle upon the young man, indicating Elisha would be his successor (1 Kings 19:15-21).



Mordecai (God’s Right hand man)

5 Now in Shushan the palace there was a certain Jew, whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite; 7 And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter.

☪assing the baton is an art. There were Moses and Joshua to lead Israel (Joshua 1:5); Elijah the prophet passed the mantle of power to Elisha (2 Kings 2:13-15); John the Baptist preparation for the coming of Jesus (Matt 3:11); Jesus the Messiah trained the twelve to evangelize the world (John 17:6-26); Paul trained Timothy (2 Tim 1:5). Of course, Jesus had His disciples. His noted prayer for God to protect them as Jesus prepared to leave is supported by his last commandment:

John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. John 17:6-26 6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. 7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

Haman (A thorn in the side)



(of Persian origin), magnificent, the name of the vizier (i.e., the prime minister) of the Persian king Ahasuerus ([Esther 3:1](#) , etc.). He is called an "Agagite," which seems to denote that he was descended from the royal family of the Amalekites, the bitterest enemies of the Jews, as Agag was one of the titles of the Amalekite kings. He or his parents were brought to Persia as captives taken in war. He was hanged on the gallows which he had erected for Mordecai the Jew ([Esther 7:10](#))

Esther 3:3 After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were with him. 2 And all ... bowed, and revered Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence.

There are always Hamans in the world with no way of avoiding this kind on this earth. But God gives us strength through His holy word.

Song of Solomon 8:6 for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.

Joshua 1:6 6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Joshua 1:8 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.



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