

# **Esther**

**The orphan who became Queen**



**A true Cinderella story**

This ebook demonstrates how God used the [Tabernacle of Moses](#) as His blueprint for the life of Esther. In the same way you can also find your purpose in life and fulfil your destiny.

**Father God had great plans for Esther.**

**He designed her and gave her life with a specific purpose in mind.  
She was part of His strategic plan for the future.**

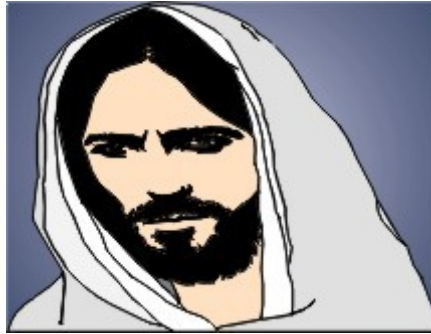
**The devil also had plans for her life.**

**He wanted to steal and destroy everything that God had for her.**

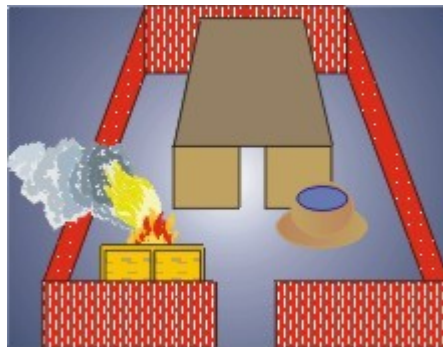
**Whose plans would prevail?**

**Remember . . .**  
**all the promises of God must be received**  
**in Christ and through Christ.**

“It is he who is the “Yes” to all of God’s promises.  
This is why through Jesus Christ our “Amen” is said to the glory of God.”  
[2Co 1:20 GNB]



He gives the promises and He brings them to fulfilment in our lives.  
To make God’s promises to you come true you must activate them by  
entering into Christ. This is depicted by the Tabernacle of Moses



Anything that you trust the Lord for, whether it is a house or  
a car, a husband or a wife, a career or a ministry, everything  
must be received by means of the same process.

God is working in you on more than one promise or purpose simultaneously.  
Some of these will only take a few days, others might even take decades.

As you proceed deeper into the tabernacle (Christ),  
He will correspondingly clothe you with the Armor of God.

## You must persevere!

“Keep on working with fear and trembling to complete your salvation, because God is always at work in you to make you willing and able to obey his own purpose.” [Phi 2:12-13 GNB]

Esther also had to achieve God’s plans for her life by entering into Jesus as depicted by the tabernacle.

## It is a walk of faith.

This walk into the promise is depicted by a walk into the tabernacle.

“I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me.” [John 14:6 GNB]

**Now, if you are ready, let us follow Esther into the Tabernacle and see God's plan in action...**

## The Gate



To enter through the Gate of the Tabernacle, is to enter into Jesus, and to enter into Jesus is to enter into the promise.

**Esther’s first move towards her purpose in life was to move to Susa, the capital city of the kingdom of Persia.**

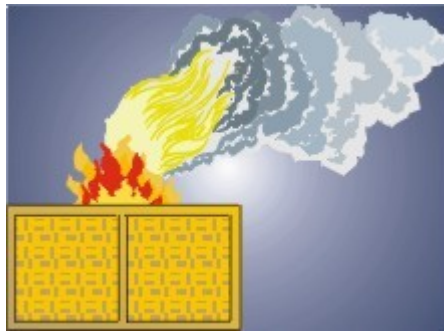


She was an orphaned teenager, living with her uncle.

“There in Susa lived a Jew named Mordecai. He had a cousin, Esther, whose Hebrew name was Hadassah; she was a beautiful young woman, and had a good figure. At the death of her parents, Mordecai had adopted her and brought her up as his own daughter.” [Est 2:5,7 GNB]

Sometimes God calls old men like Abram. Other times He calls young girls like Esther. Everyone has a place in His plans.

# The Brazen Altar



The Brazen Altar is the first thing that you encounter when you enter the Tabernacle of Moses. In the Old Testament little lambs were slain here to pay for the sins of men. Jesus is the Lamb that was slain for us on the cross. He left his throne in heaven to die for us on the cross. Fortunately for us, He left us His testament that assured us of an inheritance.

"Because where there is a testament, there has to be the death of the man who made it. For a testament has effect after death; for what power has it while the man who made it is living?" [Heb 9:16-17 BBE]

Queen Vashti was forced to leave her throne in the palace. Doing so she also left behind an inheritance – someone else could become queen. Involuntarily, Vashti became the sacrifice that opened the way for Esther to the king.

"If it please Your Majesty, issue a royal proclamation that Vashti may never again appear before the king. Have it written into the laws of Persia and Media, so that it can never be changed. Then give her place as queen to some better woman. The king and his officials liked this idea, and the king did what Memucan suggested."  
[Est 1:19,21 GNB]

Esther was one of the chosen few who had the opportunity to meet with the king and maybe take up the throne that Vashti left open.

"When the king had issued his new proclamation and many young women were being brought to Susa, **Esther was among them**. She too was put in the royal palace in the care of Hegai, who had charge of the harem." [Est 2:8 NB]



"Many are invited, but few are chosen." [Mat 22:14 GNB]

## The Wash Basin



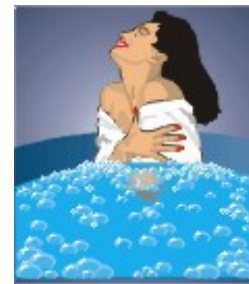
The Wash Basin is the second item that is to be found in the Tabernacle of Moses. It speaks of cleansing and preparation.

Esther had to undergo a period of cleansing and be prepared for meeting the king.

“Hegai liked Esther, and she won his favor. He lost no time in beginning her beauty treatment of massage and special diet. He gave her the best place in the harem and assigned seven young women specially chosen from the royal palace to serve her.”

[Est 2:9 GNB]

“The regular beauty treatment for the women lasted a year—massages with oil of myrrh for six months and with oil of balsam for six more. After that, each woman would be taken in turn to King Xerxes.” [Est 2:12 GNB]



## The Door



The Door of the Tabernacle follows the water. It can only be entered after being tested and approved. Only after passing this test, was it possible for priests to enter the holy place of the tabernacle.

"Make a bronze basin with a bronze base. Place it between the Tent and the altar, and put water in it. Aaron and his sons are to use the water to wash their hands and feet before they go into the Tent or approach the altar to offer the food offering. Then they will not be killed. They must wash their hands and feet, so that they will not die. "

[Exo 30:18-21]

Even Jesus Himself went through this test.

“As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the Devil.” [Mat 3:16-4:1]

Esther also had to go through this testing.

“She would not go to the king again unless he liked her enough to ask for her by name.” [Est 2:14 GNB]

Esther passed the test.

”Esther was admired by everyone who saw her.” [Est 2:15 GNB]

“The king liked her more than any of the other women, and more than any of the others she won his favor and affection. He placed the royal crown on her head and made her queen in place of Vashti.” [Est 2:17 GNB].

## The Table of Showbread



The Table of Showbread speaks of refreshment and fellowship and is the first reward for passing the test. Esther was given a celebration party as refreshment and had fellowship with the king himself.



“Then the king gave a great banquet in Esther’s honor and invited all his officials and administrators. He proclaimed a holiday for the whole empire and distributed gifts worthy of a king.” [Est 2:18 GNB]

## The Lamp Stand



The Lamp Stand is the place of vision.

“I ask that your minds may be opened to see his light, so that you will know what is the hope to which he has called you.” [Eph 1:18 GNB]

This is where God finally revealed his divine purpose for Esther.  
She had to convince the king to save her nation.

“Mordecai gave Hathach a copy of the proclamation that had been issued in Susa, ordering the destruction of the Jews. Mordecai asked him to take it to Esther, explain the situation to her, and have her go and plead with the king and beg him to have mercy on her people.” [Est 4:8 GNB]

“He sent her this warning: “Don’t imagine that you are safer than any other Jew just because you are in the royal palace. If you keep quiet at a time like this, help will come from heaven to the Jews, and they will be saved, but you will die and your father’s family will come to an end. **“Yet who knows—maybe it was for a time like this that you were made queen!”** [Est 4:13-14 GNB]



## The Altar of Incense

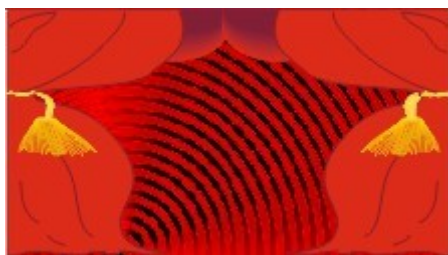


The Altar of Incense speaks of intercessory prayer. Just as Jesus is continually praying and interceding for us, Esther also needed prayer and intercession.

Esther sent Mordecai this reply: “Go and get all the Jews in Susa together; hold a fast and pray for me. Don’t eat or drink anything for three days and nights. My servant women and I will be doing the same.” [Est 4:15]



# The Veil



Going through the Veil is a life-changing, death-threatening event with an unknown outcome. It requires a demonstration of faith through an act of boldness in spite of fear and inner turmoil.

To enter into the presence of God is a very risky business.

"I will not let you see my face, because no one can see me and stay alive".  
[Exo 33:20 GNB]

Likewise, Esther faced death if she failed.

"After that, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law.  
If I must die for doing it, I will die." [Est 4:16 GNB]

"If anyone, man or woman, goes to the inner courtyard and sees the king without being summoned, that person must die. That is the law; everyone, from the king's advisers to the people in the provinces, knows that. There is only one way to get around this law: if the king holds out his gold scepter to someone, then that person's life is spared. But it has been a month since the king sent for me." [Est 4:11]

She took the step of faith that would take her through the veil.

"On the third day of her fast Esther put on her royal robes and went and stood in the inner courtyard of the palace, facing the throne room. The king was inside, seated on the royal throne, facing the entrance."  
[Est 5:1]





# The Mercy Seat



The Lid of the Ark of the Covenant was also called the Mercy Seat.  
This was the place where God met with Man.

"I will meet you there, and from above the lid between the two winged creatures I will give you all my laws for the people of Israel. [Exo 25:17-22 GNB]

"Let us have confidence, then, and approach God's throne, where there is grace. There we will receive mercy and find grace to help us just when we need it."  
[Heb 4:16 GNB]

**Esther found mercy and grace in the Throne Room.**



When the king saw Queen Esther standing outside, she won his favor, and he held out to her the gold scepter. She then came up and touched the tip of it. "What is it, Queen Esther?" the king asked. "Tell me what you want, and you shall have it—even if it is half my empire."  
[Est 5:2-3 GNB]

# The Cherubim



The mercy seat was beautifully adorned with two cherubim, facing one another.  
Cherubim are special angels and angels speak of servanthood.

What are the angels, then? They are spirits who serve God and are sent by him to help those who are to receive salvation. [Heb 1:14 GNB]

**Esther had to become a servant. Twice on occasion, she prepared a banquet, not only for her king, but also for her greatest enemy, Haman.**

Esther replied, "If it please Your Majesty, I would like you and Haman to be my guests tonight at a banquet I am preparing for you." [Est 5:4 GNB]

Esther replied, "If Your Majesty is kind enough to grant my request, I would like you and Haman to be my guests tomorrow at another banquet that I will prepare for you. At that time I will tell you what I want." [Est 5:7-8 GNB]

## The flaming swords



Each of the cherubim had a flaming sword in his hand.  
The swords speak of the word of God and of judgment.

The word of God is alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It cuts all the way through, to where soul and spirit meet, to where joints and marrow come together. It judges the desires and thoughts of the heart. [Heb 4:12 GNB]

**At this point of our spiritual walk, we are called upon by God to act as judges.** Don't you know that God's people will judge the world? Well, then, if you are to judge the world, aren't you capable of judging small matters? [1Co 6:2 GNB]

**Esther was no exception, for God had decided to use her to judge Haman.**

Queen Esther answered, "If it please Your Majesty to grant my humble request, my wish is that I may live and that my people may live. My people and I have been sold for slaughter. If it were nothing more serious than being sold into slavery, I would have kept quiet and not bothered you about it; but we are about to be destroyed---exterminated!" Then King Xerxes asked Queen Esther, "Who dares to do such a thing? Where is this man?" Esther answered, "Our enemy, our persecutor, is this evil man Haman!" Haman faced the king and queen with terror. [Est 7:3-6 GNB]

Then one of them, who was named Harbonah, said, "Haman even went so far as to build a gallows at his house so that he could hang Mordecai, who saved Your Majesty's life. And it's seventy-five feet tall!" "Hang Haman on it!" the king commanded. So Haman was hanged on the gallows that he had built for Mordecai. Then the king's anger cooled down. [Est 7:9-10 GNB]

## The ark of the covenant



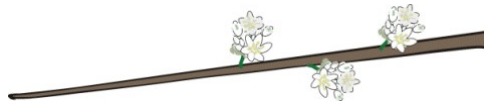
The Ark of the Covenant was a box located in the Most Holy part of the Tabernacle of Moses. Inside and alongside the ark were these three items:

- The staff of Aaron the high priest that budded.
- A bowl of Manna.
- The tablets of the Testimony.



Each of these holds a special meaning regarding your calling.

## The Rod of Aaron



The Rod of Aaron speaks of the priestly anointing. A priest has the ministry of reconciliation. His task is to be an intercessor or mediator. This points to Christ as our Mediator and Saviour.

Esther fulfilled her priestly role as she interceded for her people to save them from destruction.



"Then Esther spoke to the king again, throwing herself at his feet and crying. She begged him to do something to stop the evil plot that Haman, the descendant of Agag, had made against the Jews. The king held out the gold scepter to her, so she stood up and said, "If it please Your Majesty, and if you care about me and if it seems right to you, please issue a proclamation to keep Haman's orders from being carried out—those orders that the son of Hammedatha the descendant of Agag gave for the destruction of all the Jews in the empire.

How can I endure it if this disaster comes on my people, and my own relatives are killed?" [Est 8:3-6]

## The Bowl of Manna



The Bowl of Manna speaks of the Kingly Anointing which gives you the ability and authority to rule.

Esther was exalted and given ruler status.

She then used her authority to save the Israelites.

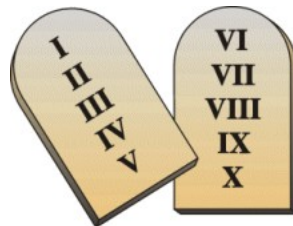
"You may, however, write to the Jews whatever you like; and you may write it in my name and stamp it with the royal seal." [Est 8:8 GNB]

"Then Queen Esther, the daughter of Abihail, along with Mordecai, also wrote a letter, putting her full authority behind the letter about Purim, which Mordecai had written earlier."

[Est 9:29 GNB]



## The Tablets of the Testimony.



The Tablets of the Testimony speaks of the prophetic anointing. The responsibility to bring God's word to the people and to exhort them in the way that they should live.

"The letter was addressed to all the Jews, and copies were sent to all the 127 provinces of the Persian Empire. It wished the Jews peace and security and directed them and their descendants to observe the days of Purim at the proper time, just as they had adopted rules for the observance of fasts and times of mourning. This was commanded by both Mordecai and Queen Esther." [Est 9:30-31 GNB]

So Esther completed her walk into the Tabernacle (Jesus) and fulfilled God's calling for her life.

As mentioned before, each part of the Tabernacle (Jesus) that you enter into also relates to the Armor of God. Esther was now fully dressed with the Armor and ready for service in God's Kingdom.

**Think about it!**

**If it is true** that God's purpose for your life can be directly linked to His divine process as depicted by the Tabernacle of Moses. . .

**1. Should you not be doing your very best to find out more about this process for the sake of your own future?**

**And**

**2. Should you not also be doing your utmost to inform your friends and loved ones as well?**

**You can start right here!**



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