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The Making of a Queen:

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Lessons drawn from Queen Esther

The biblical account of Esther's rise to queenship is a timeless tale of courage, faith, and divine providence. It is one of the most fascinating stories of the bible that I believe most of the queens reading this newsletter would relate to.

If you think what you've been through or are going through now is anything to crush you, then I invite you to read this news letter for indeed this story of Esther will give you a new leaf of life.



Before we dive in, let me remind you what ***Ephesians 3:20 (KJV)*** says “**Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us**”, this means that God can only be limited by our ***inability to exercise the power deposit in us.***

In this episode we look into the story of Esther in order to understand the concept of the making of a queen.

After Queen Vashti's disobedience, King Ahasuerus sought a new queen among the young women of the kingdom. ***Esther was not of Persian kingdom she had hidden her identity, a Jewish orphan, was chosen for her beauty and charm.***

Let us first understand the meaning of the name “**HADASSAH**” for this was the original/Hebrew name of Esther, and also the meaning of “**ESTHER**”

The Hebrew name **Hadassah** (הַדַּסָּה) means "**myrtle tree**". The **myrtle tree is a symbol of beauty, blessings, prosperity, and peace** in Jewish culture.

On the other-hand the name **ESTHER** (אֶסְתֵּר) is derived from the Persian word "**stāra,**" meaning "**star**". The Hebrew Bible also associates it with the root "**s-t-r**" (סתר), meaning "**to conceal**" or "**to be hidden,**"

. Both names speaks greatness for this Hebrew girl for she was meant to enjoy **prosperity, blessing**

and **peace** in Hebrew, while in Persia they saw a ***hidden star***.

I want you to know that deep within you there is a star concealed or hidden and crying to shine out. *I declare in Jesus name the hidden star in you will shine out and will not be hidden again.* Esther found herself at a tender age in a societal disadvantaged circumstances.

1. **Being an orphan:** Esther likely faced-:

(a) ***Emotional vulnerability***. Loss of parents at such a tender age could have lead Esther to struggle with the feelings of abandonment and insecurity.

(b) ***Future uncertainty***: Without parental guidance, Esther's path forward might have seemed doomed or unclear.

(C) ***Dependence on others***: Esther relying on her cousin Mordecai for care and support could have been challenging.

2. Living in exile: As a Jew living in Persia, Esther faced

(a) **Cultural differences:** It wasn't easy to adopt to Persian customs and traditions.

(b) **Social exclusion:** Esther would have suffered potential prejudice or marginalization.

(c) **Identity challenges:** For young Esther balancing Jewish identity with life in foreign land was not easy.

(d) **Loss of homeland:** Leaving behind the familiar environment famous Jerusalem and Jewish heritage was not easy.

3. Lack of royal connections: Esther wasn't born into royalty; she rose to prominence through her beauty and courage. Her candidature for queenship was unlikely. There was no guaranteed influence, she had to earn her place and influence through her action. She totally depended on circumstances. Her rise to queenship depended on the King's favor.

4. Risk of persecution: As a Jew, Esther was part of the minority group facing potential persecution due to-:

(a) ***Anti-Jewish sentiment***: The plot by Haman to destroy the Jewish people. (Esther 3:8-15).

(b) ***Royal decree***: Though Esther had risen to queenship, she risked the potential of being affected by the King's decree.

(c) ***Hidden Identity***: Esther's Jewish heritage was initially hidden, adding more to her risk.



Esther's Rise to Queenship: Esther chapter 2)

The King was advised by his servant to let a search be made **for beautiful young virgins** for the king. He was told to appoint commissioners in every province of his realm to bring all these beautiful young women into the harem at the citadel of Susa,

and Let them be placed under the care of Hegai, the king's eunuch, who is in charge of the women; and **let beauty treatments** be given to them.

Then let the ***young woman who pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti.***” This advice appealed to the king, and he followed it. Mordecai had a cousin named ***Hadassah, whom he had brought up because she had neither father nor mother.*** This young woman, who was also known as **Esther**, had a **lovely figure** and was **beautiful**.

Esther also was taken to the king's palace and entrusted to Hegai, who had charge of the harem.

Talk about favor on every turn



(i) Esther pleased Hegai and won his favor.

(ii) Immediately he provided her with her beauty treatments and special food.

(iii) He assigned to her seven female attendants selected from the king's palace and

(iv) moved her and her attendants into the best place in the harem.

(v) When Esther's turn came to go to the king, she asked for nothing other than what Hegai, suggested.

(vi) And Esther won the favor of everyone who saw her.

(vii) Now the king was attracted to Esther more than to any of the other women, She won his favor and approval more than any of the other virgins.

(viii) So the King set a royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.

Esther's journey to Queenship involved several key elements:

1. Preparation:



Esther underwent extensive beauty treatments and preparation before meeting the king. This journey involved a rigorous preparation process. According to the biblical account in Esther 2:3, 9, 12-14,

Before a young woman's turn came to go in to King Xerxes, ***she had to complete twelve months of beauty treatments prescribed for the women, six months with oil of myrrh and six with perfumes and cosmetics.***

1. **Beauty treatments:** Esther received luxurious cosmetics, perfumes, and massages to enhance her physical beauty.

2. **Royal attire:** She was given fine clothing and jewelry fitting for a queen.

3. **Royal diet:** Esther followed a specially prepared diet, likely consisting of rich and nutritious foods.

However, Esther's preparation went beyond external adornments. She also:

1. **Developed her character:** Esther's inner beauty, kindness, and humility earned her favor with others.

2. **Built relationships:** She formed connections with those around her, including her attendants and the king's officials.

3. **Demonstrated wisdom:** Esther's actions showed she was intelligent, discerning, and strategic.

Her preparation demonstrates that ***true greatness involves both inner and outer beauty, as well as the development of character and relationships.***

Esther's story is a complete illustration of Ephesians 3:20 her journey from Orphan to queen exceeded human expectations. God's providence and favor:

1. Positioned Esther for influence
2. used her beauty , intelligence, and courage.
3. She orchestrated events to save Jewish people.

Through this story, we see God's ability to:

1. Elevate the humble
2. Use ordinary people for extra ordinary purposes.
3. Bring about abundant blessings.

The story showcases God's exceeding abundance, demonstrating His power to accomplish far more than humanly possible.

For Esther's elevation to queenship, figuratively or literally, requires ***inner beauty, resilience, and strategic influence***. Her legacy inspires us to embrace our roles with purpose and courage. To continue....



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