

Esther- The brave Queen

Parts: Narrator 1& 2, Mordecai, Esther, King, Haman (Extra part King's servant)

Narrator 1 : Now everyone thinks their own child is pretty and there are some people who will stand out in the crowd and catch your eye but Esther was different. She was beautiful and everyone thought that she was beautiful. Her hair shone in the sunshine, her eyes sparkled and her smile brought warmth to your heart. She was absolutely gorgeous.

But although she was so beautiful there had been sadness in her life because Esther's parents had died when she was very young and she had been brought up by her cousin Mordecai. Mordecia worked in the palace of King Xerxe's in the city of Susa.

Mordecai: Have you heard the news Esther ?

Esther: What is that Mordecai?

Mordecai: The King is looking for a new wife and he is sending his servants throughout the land to find some beautiful ladies in order that he can pick one to be queen.

Esther: Why are you telling me this?

Mordecai: Because Esther you are so beautiful, you could be chosen. But remember one thing if you are. Do not tell the King that you are a Jew and that you belong to God's chosen people. Keep it a secret.

Esther: I will do as you say Mordecai.

Narrator 2 : Sure enough, Just as Mordecai had thought Esther was chosen to go to the palace and because of her beauty the king was delighted with her and crowned her the new queen. Soon after this Mordecai heard some men talking at the city gates plotting to murder the king. He was horrified and told Esther straight away. Esther told the king and the men were killed. The king was safe and everyone was happy.

Narrator 1: Life seemed to be going really well for Esther until one day she found out that trouble was brewing. There was a man named Haman who was the King's right hand man. All the king's officials would come and bow before him everyday. Mordecai however would not bow before him. This really annoyed Haman and he decided to punish Mordecai. He had found out that Mordecai was a Jew, one of God's chosen people so he made a plot to kill not only Mordecai but all the Jews.

Mordecai : Esther, Esther I have heard some terrible news you have to help me?

Esther: Mordecai, what is it you look alarmed, tell me.

Mordecai: It is Haman he has planned a terrible thing. He has talked the king into signing an in order to say that the Jewish people should be destroyed. You have to talk to the king and get him to change his mind.

Esther: But Mordecai, I can not just go before the king. I need to wait until the king calls me. If anyone enters the king's presence with out being asked you know what could happen. (Makes the sign of having her heard chopped off)

Mordecai: Believe me Esther I know what I am asking you, but don't you realise that if you don't go before the king and ask him this one thing it could be curtains for all of us. Don't forget Esther you, yourself are a Jew!

Narrator 2 : Esther was very afraid, but she knew that Mordecai was right. She could not turn her back on her people. She had to risk her life in order to save theirs. She thought carefully about how she should approach the king so she decided to invite both the king and Haman to a banquet.

Narrator 1: Meanwhile Haman was busy having a gallows built to have Mordecai hung on! Haman thought he was the most important man in the country being invited to the Queen's banquet.

(King lying in his bed tossing and turning unable to sleep)

Narrator 2: That night the king could not sleep, he tossed and turned but no matter how hard he tried his mind could not switch off. In the middle of the night he asked some of his servants to come and read from his court records.

(Servants enter with book of records pretend to read out)

Narrator 2: As they read out about all the different events that had happened while he was king they came across the time when Mordecai had heard about the plot to kill the king and had told Esther and saved his life.

King: What did we do to honour this man? I want this man to be honoured in the city. He must wear a royal robe and a royal crown and be driven through the city on a horse that I have ridden on.

Narrator 1: So just as the king had commanded Mordecai was honoured before the people.

Narrator 2 : Haman was now worried in case the king found out about his plot against Mordecai but he still had to go to the banquet the queen had invited him to. On arriving he acted a little nervous.

(Esther, King and Haman sit at table eating)

King: Esther it is so kind of you to put on this banquet for us, what request did you have for me.

Esther: I wanted to tell you about a terrible plot that a man has schemed against my people the Jews. This man is trying to destroy us all!

King : Why Esther who would do such a thing?

Esther: I'm afraid it is the man who sits and dines with us. Haman the servant you have trusted.

Narrator 1: Haman was terrified because his evil plan had been found out. The king's servant came and took him away. When they went out of the palace they saw the huge gallows that Haman had built to have Mordecai hung on and they hung Haman there instead.

Narrator 2: From that time on the king wrote an order that said that the Jewish people should be protected not destroyed and the people were able to live in peace because of Esther's bravery.