

A Slave Becomes Queen

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Open your Bibles to Esther 1:1-22.

Proverbs 21:1, *“The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will.”*

Esther 2:16, *“Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus to his royal palace in the tenth month which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.”*

Esther 2:1-4, *“After these things, when the anger of King Ahasuerus had abated, he remembered Vashti and what she had done and what had been decreed against her. 2 Then the king's young men who attended him said, “Let beautiful young virgins be sought out for the king. 3 And let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom to gather all the beautiful young virgins to the harem in Susa the citadel, under custody of Hegai, the king's eunuch, who is in charge of the women. Let their cosmetics be given them. 4 And let the young woman who pleases the king be queen instead of Vashti.” This pleased the king, and he did so.”*

Esther 2:5-8, *“Now there was a Jew in Susa the citadel whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, son of Shimei, son of Kish, a Benjaminite, 6 who had been carried away from Jerusalem among the captives carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had carried away. 7 He was bringing up Hadassah, that is Esther, the daughter of his uncle, for she had neither father nor mother. The young woman had a beautiful figure and was lovely to look at, and when her father and her mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter. 8 So when the king's order and his edict were proclaimed, and when many young women were gathered in Susa the citadel in custody of Hegai, Esther also was taken into the king's palace and put in custody of Hegai, who had charge of the women.”*

Practical Application:

We learn that God is always at work and we can trust Him. Be ready.

Songs

Wonderful Story of Love

Wonderful story of love, tell it to me again, wonderful story of love, wake the immortal strain!
Angels with rapture announce it, shepherds with wonder receive it; sinner o wont you believe it.

Chorus: Wonderful story of love. Wonderful! Wonderful! Wonderful! Wonderful story of love!

Wonderful story of love, Jesus proved a rest, wonderful story of love, for all the pure and
blessed, rest in those mansions above us, with those who've gone on before us, singing the
rapturous chorus,

Repeat Chorus

Heavenly Father, We Appreciate You

Heavenly Father we appreciate You, heavenly Father we appreciate You. We love You, adore
You, we bow down before You, heavenly Father we appreciate You.

Son of God, what a wonder You are, Son of God, what a wonder You are. You've cleansed my
soul from sin, sent the Spirit within. Son of God, what a wonder You are.

Holy Spirit, what a comfort You are, Holy Spirit, what a comfort You are. You lead us, You
guide us, You live right inside us, Holy Spirit, what a comfort You are.

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now I'm
found, was blind but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved, how precious did that grace
appear the hour I first believed.

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die? Would He devote that sacred head
for such a one as I?

Chorus: At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart rolled
away, it was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day.

But drops of grief can never repay the debt of love I owe, here Lord I give myself away, tis all
that I can do!

Repeat Chorus