

God of the details

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- I. WHEN XERXES DESIRED A QUEEN, GOD HAD PREPARED ESTHER THE BEAUTIFUL JEWISH GIRL (ESTHER 2: 1-7).
 - A. King Xerxes missed Queen Vashti and liked the plan to gather the most beautiful girls for him to choose a new queen (1-4).
 - B. Mordecai the Jew had raised his orphaned young cousin Esther who was exceptionally beautiful (5-7).
- II. WHEN ESTHER WAS TAKEN INTO THE HAREM, SHE WAS FAVORED BY THE HAREM MANAGER (ESTHER 2:8-11).
 - A. Hegai favored Esther with the best food and lodging (8-9).
 - B. Esther did not reveal she was Jewish, obeying Mordecai (10-11).
- III. WHEN ESTHER TOOK HER TURN WITH THE KING, HE CHOSE HER TO BE HIS NEW QUEEN (ESTHER 2:12-20).
 - A. Esther took with her to the king only what Hegai advised (12-16).
 - B. King Xerxes chose Esther as His queen and celebrated lavishly, but Esther never revealed her Jewish identity (17-20).
- IV. AFTER ESTHER BECAME QUEEN, COUSIN MORDECAI FOILED A PLOT AGAINST THE KING (ESTHER 2:21-23).

Principles

1. God gives advantages and favor for His purposes.
2. God guides even the circumstances that violate His moral will.
3. God controls information that is hidden and what is known.