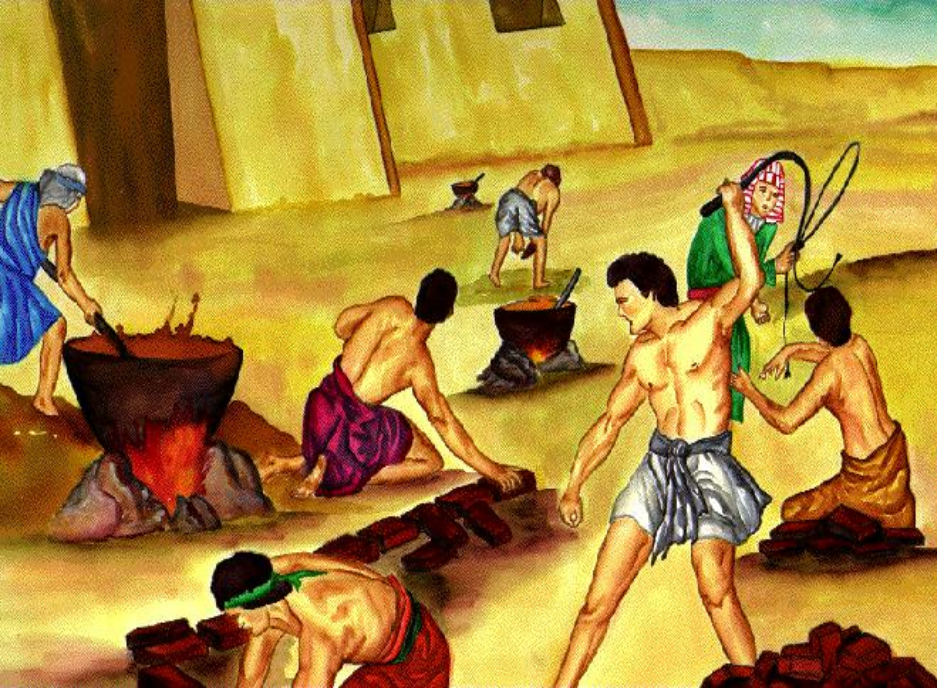
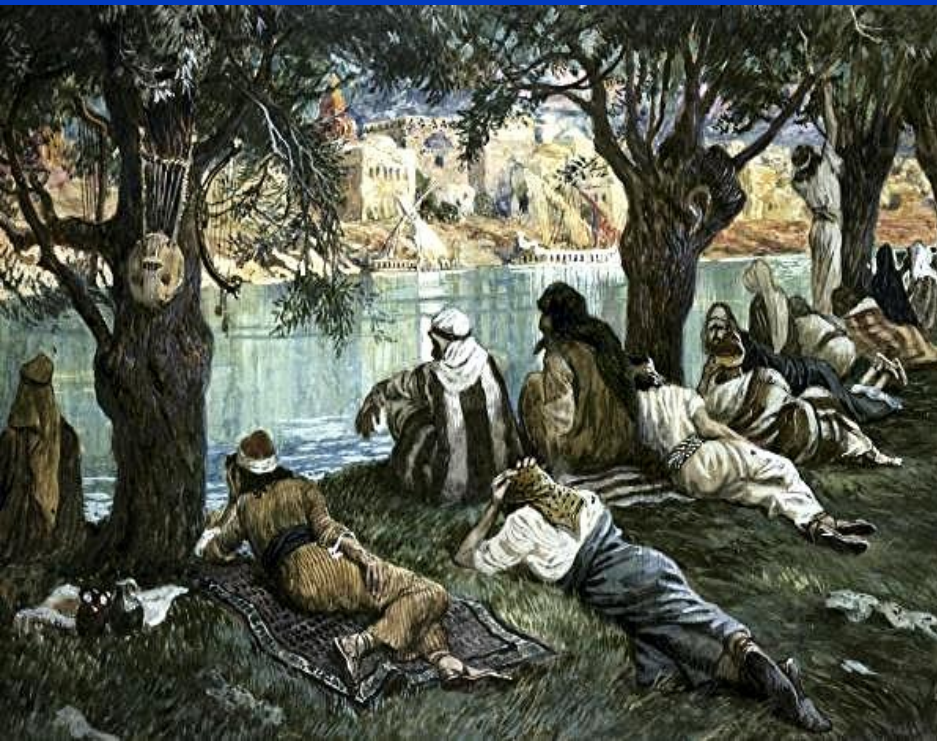


# GOD WILL SAVE THE JEWS !

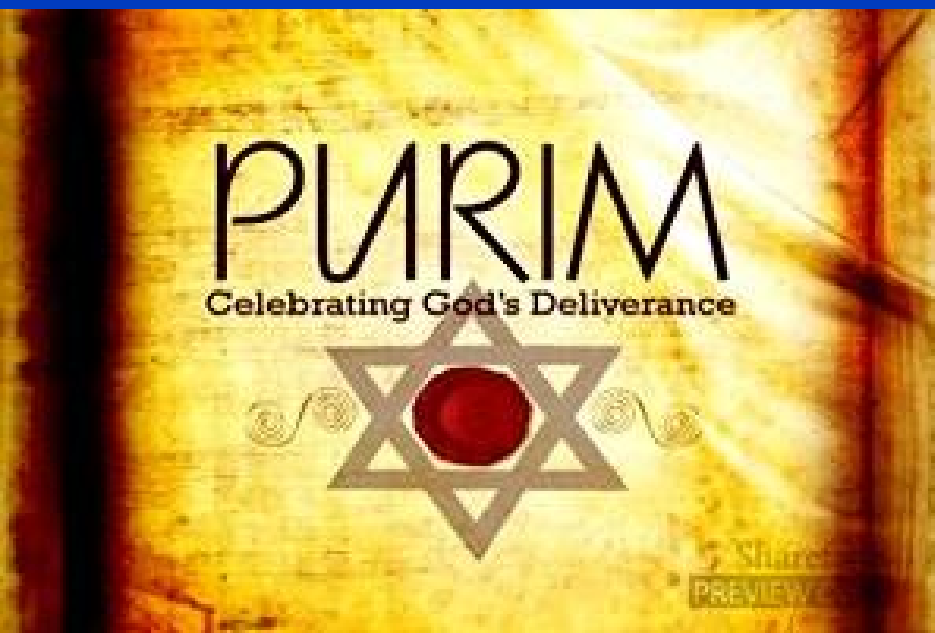


- Never before had the Jews been threatened with extermination
- In Egypt they were needed as slaves
- In Babylon they were to be assimilated
- In Persia they were free citizens of the Empire, safe and secure
- But then came Haman who hated all Jews on account of one: Mordechai





# WHY SHOULD CHRISTIANS CELEBRATE PURIM?



- Haman's hatred of the Jews is because he is a hereditary Amalekite
- Ex. 17:16
- Story of Esther is about the ongoing enmity between Amalek and the Kingdom of God
- Without the Jews we have NO SAVIOR !!
- The Lord blessed Esther with a unique opportunity to save His people

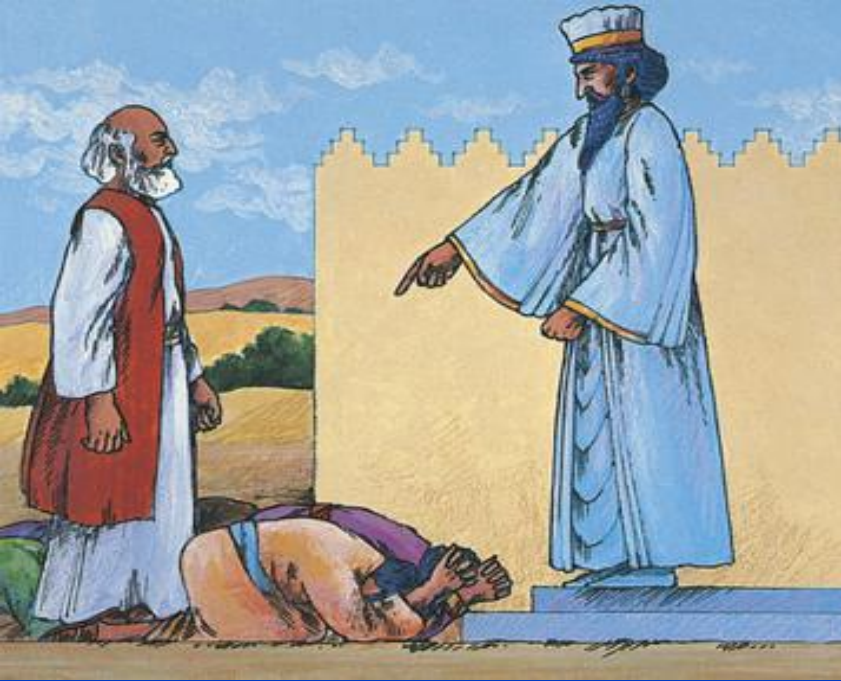
# CHRISTIANS SHOULD COMFORT THE JEWISH PEOPLE

- Our Savior is Jewish and can only be Jewish
- Messiah's work on the cross is finished and can't be reversed by Satan
- Two battlefields remain: for human souls and for the Land of Israel
- Is the battle for Israel in doubt? NO!
- We have been offered an opportunity to join the fight, but there will be a price to pay





# GREEK ADDITIONS

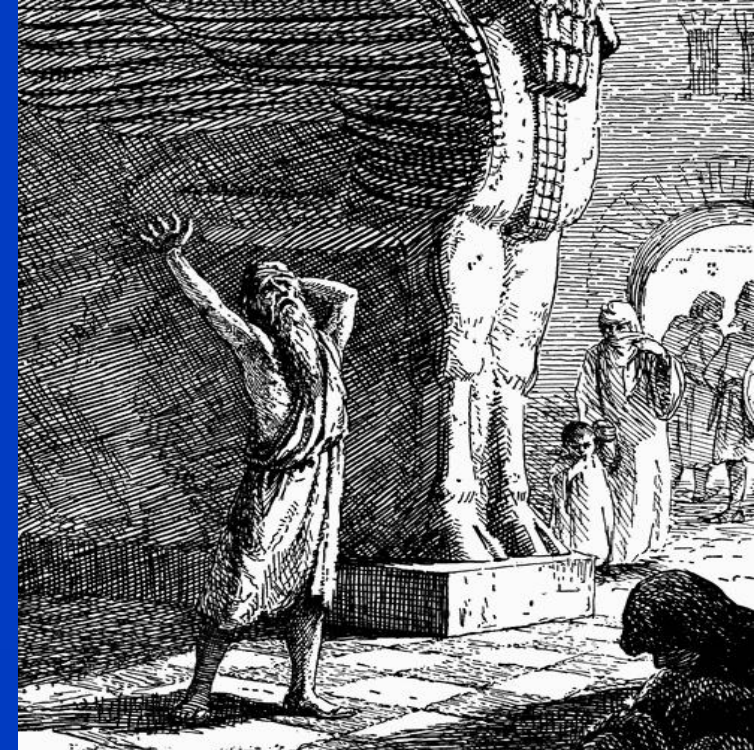


- Chapter 4 Greek additions: Mordechai's Prayer and Esther's Prayer
- Greek writer says Mordechai wouldn't bow because Jews don't bow to men FALSE
- Greek additions should have been footnotes of commentary
- Esther's prayer pictures her as a reluctant, melancholy Queen
- Hebrew version shows her as fully acceptant of her new station in life as royalty
- Additions pleased later Rabbis who despised gentiles



# ESTHER HEARS OF MORDECHAI'S DISTRESS

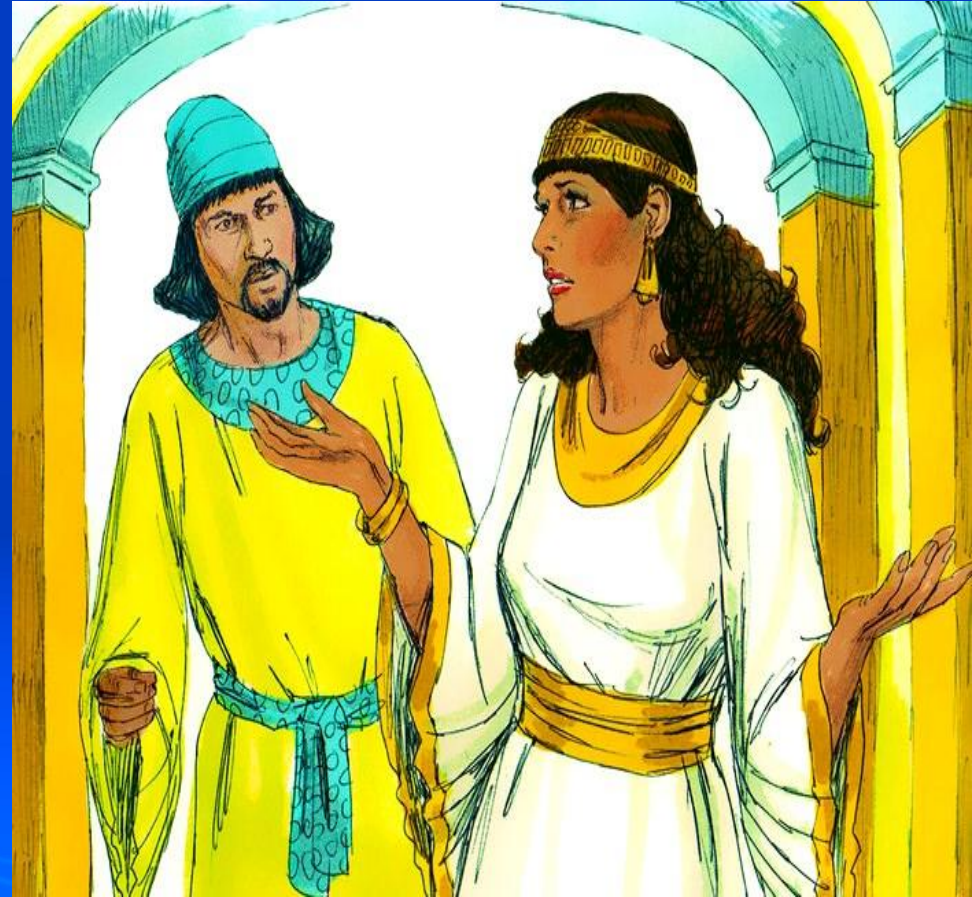
- Esther shielded from the public
- She sends fresh clothes to Mordechai but he refuses them
- Esther can't leave the harem so she sends Hatakh
- Mordechai gives Hatakh the decree and info about the 330 talents of silver offered by Haman to kill the Jews





# ESTHER BALKS AT MORDECHAI'S INSTRUCTIONS

- Esther says that every official knows you must be summoned to see the king, or die
- Esther perceives king not calling for her for 30 days as a bad sign
- She has a dilemma that we, too, face
- Circumstances force us to act, but the outcome is unknowable
- Acting on “faith” changes from theoretical to reality with real consequences



# THE SILENT SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD



- Mordechai gives Esther 3 reasons why she needs to take the risk and go see the king
- 1) She will not be spared when all the Jews are killed
- 2) If Esther will not conquer her fears, the Jews will still survive. But Esther and her family will die
- 3) For such a time as this she has been put into this position (by God), whether she sought it or not



# RANDOM ACTS OF LIFE ?????

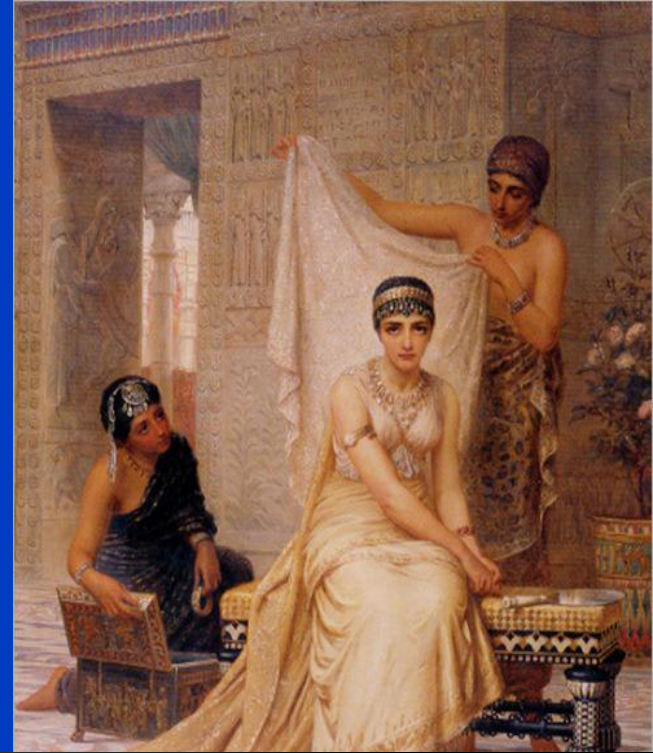


*YOUR ROAD IN LIFE IS  
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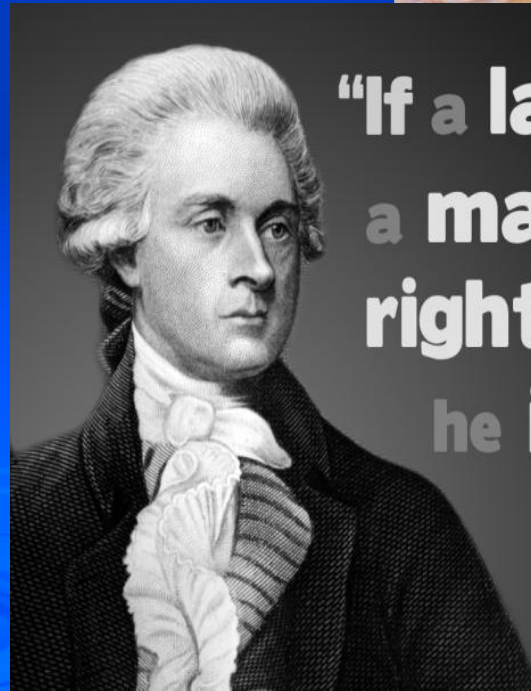
- Esther may have seen her life as frivolous
- Mordechai says THIS may be what it was always about
- If you love God, be ready for a surprise!
- Whatever purpose God has planned, and wants to use YOU, will happen with or without you !!
- But it may be with someone else if you don't say "Yes"
- Another opportunity to act in faith may never arrive



# “If I perish, I perish..”



- Esther agrees to take the risk
- Orders a 3 day fast
- What Esther is about to do violates Persian law
- Civil disobedience divides the Church
- Yeshua said He would give us the words when standing before our accusers
- He did NOT say we would be acquitted !!



**“If a law is unjust,  
a man is not only  
right to disobey it,  
he is obligated  
to do so.”**

**-Thomas Jefferson**



# ESTHER CHAPTER 5: ESTHER APPROACHES THE KING



- Esther did more than pray and fast, she made a plan
- She put on her royal robes and went to the inner courtyard of the palace
- King was happy to see her
- “What will thou, Esther?”
- King shows her courtesy, affection, and real concern
- Esther has not fallen out of favor with her husband