

(OLD TESTAMENT)

ESTHER'S DESTINY

**Xerxes the Great, Persia's fifth king, was a proud and impulsive man
Deposing his queen, causing chaos to reign, his officials came up with a plan
Per his decree, a search would ensue, as a new queen for him was sought
All beautiful young virgins throughout the kingdom, to the Citadel of Susa were brought**

**A young girl named Hadassah, raised by her cousin, lovely in form and feature
As Jewish descendents, they honored their God, her cousin as father and teacher
Chosen by the king, her name now Esther, did not disclose her race
Persia's new queen, had been chosen by God, knowing what His people would face.**

**A man named Haman, hated the Jews, they, he wanted to kill
Tricking the king, the order was given, his wishes he would fulfill
Showing great courage, Esther looked to her God, the One she was taught to cherish
Approaching the king, and to herself saying, "Lord, if I perish, I perish!"**

**Through prayer and great fasting, her people were saved, straight from God's own hand
Fulfilling, her destiny, obeying God's voice, Esther brought peace to the land
When we have faith in our ever-present God, He'll write our lives into His story
If the book of our heart sees through His eyes, we'll be used to His great glory.**



("Queen Esther" painted by Doris Cox)

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Now the king was attracted to Esther more than any of the other women, and she won his favor and approval more than any of the other virgins. So he set a royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.