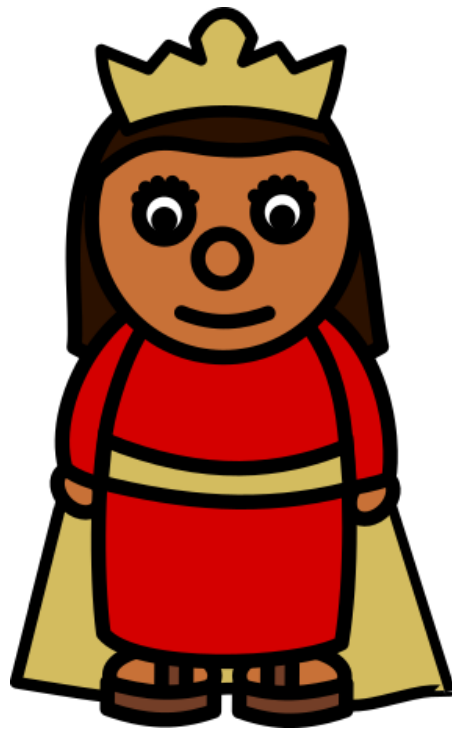


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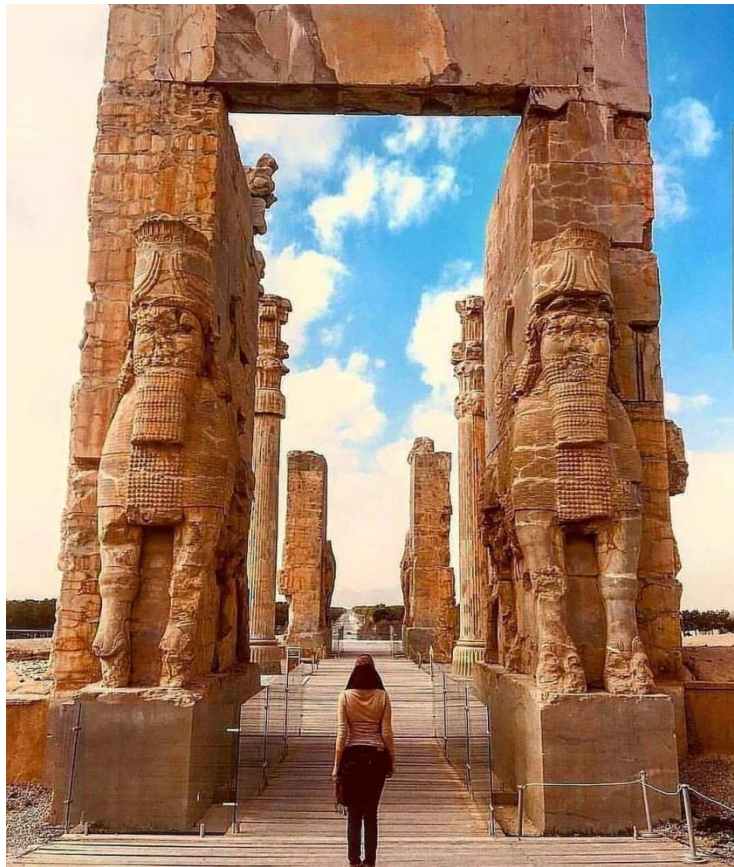
Esther the
Courageous
Queen

Hi, I'm Esther.

I lived in a palace in Persia a long
long time ago.



All that's left of my palace today
are ruins. They were fit for a
queen. A queen like me!



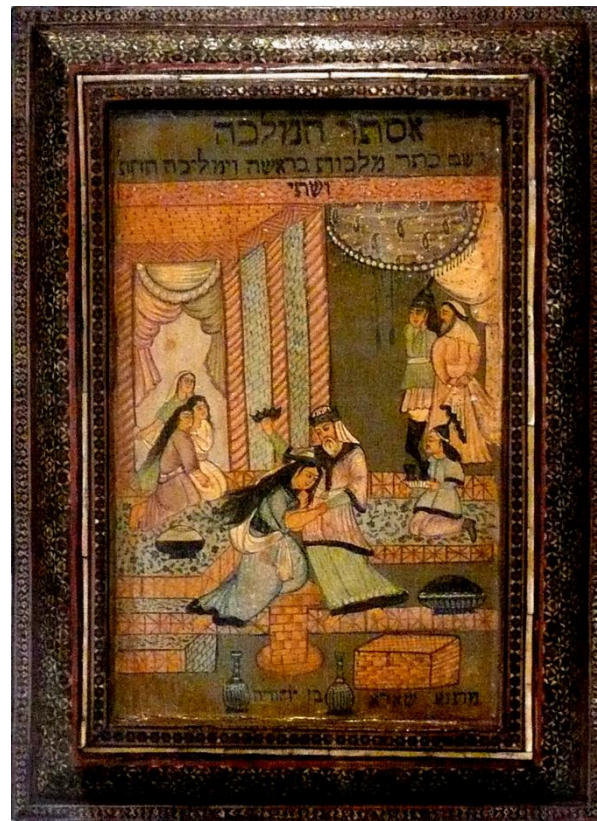
My husband was a man named
Ahasuerus. He ruled over the
whole Persian empire.



Ahasuerus had a lot of wealth and power. He lived in luxury.



Life was good,
except for my big secret.
I was Jewish. My people had been
defeated by the Persians and we
were forced to live in their country.



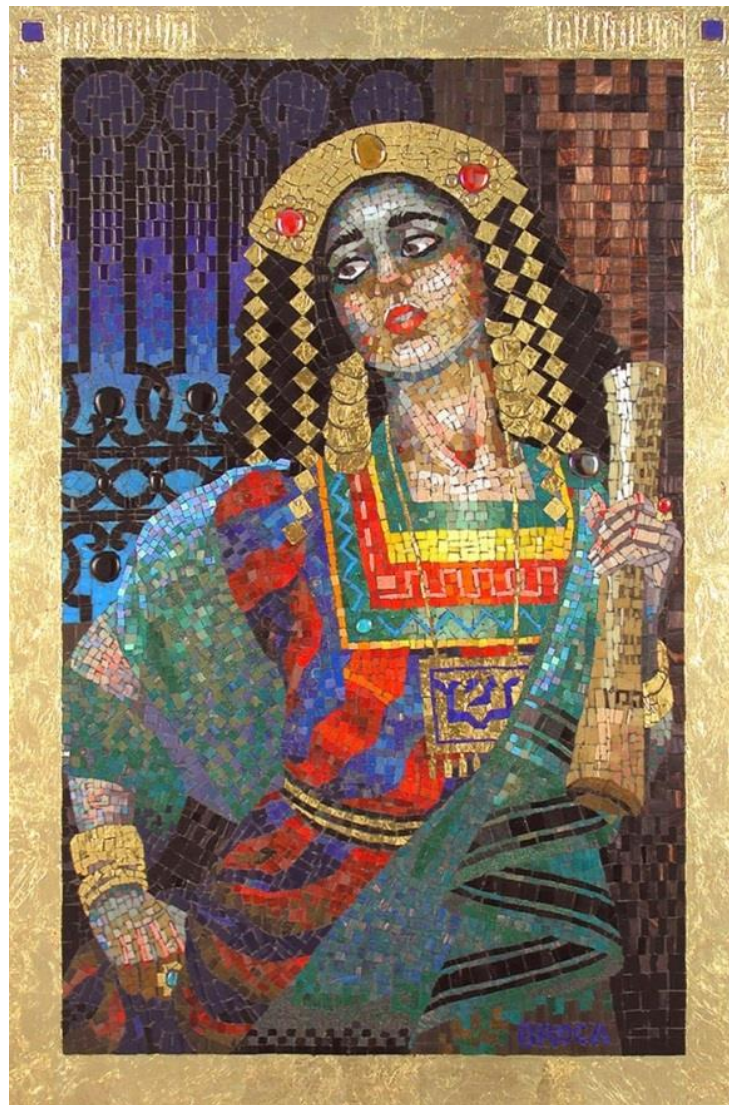
Ahasuerus did not know that I was Jewish, and he had an advisor named Haman, who did not like my people.



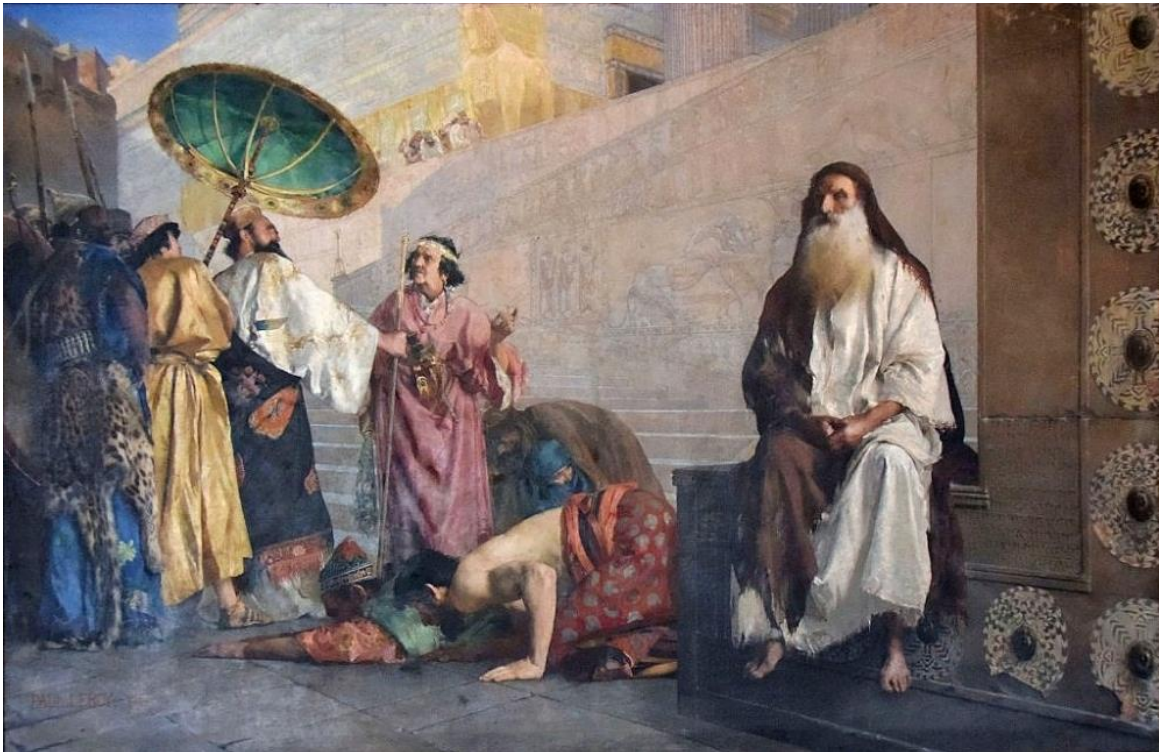
Haman convinced Ahasuerus to
throw my people out of the empire,
or to have us killed.



I had to make a tough choice.
I could hide who I was and be safe,
or I could stand with my people and
try to save them.



My cousin Mordecai helped me decide what to do. Mordecai had saved Ahasuerus from an assassin and hadn't even taken any credit for it. I had to be brave and selfless too.



With God's help, I found the strength to go before Ahasuerus, and to tell him the truth.



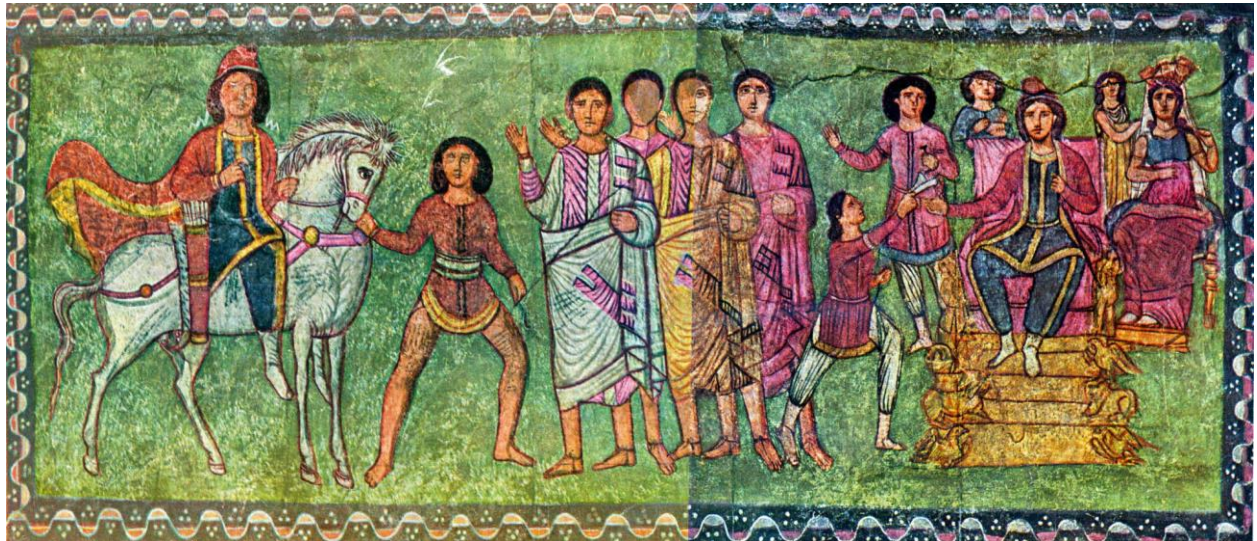
I told Ahasuerus everything, that I was Jewish and if he wanted to get rid of my people, he would have to get rid of me too. He would have to get rid of Mordecai, who saved his life. He would have to get rid of lots of courageous and good people.



Ahasuerus thought, and then he
made a decision.
We would be saved!



My people held a brand-new
festival called Purim.
And Haman was punished for his
cruelty.



When it's time for you to stand up
for what's right, will you be
courageous like me?

I know that you will!

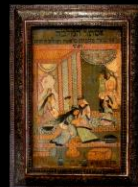
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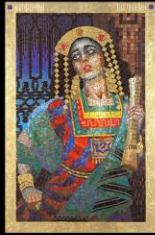
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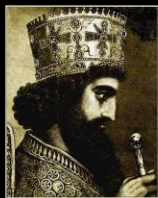
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