



# Queen Esther Helps Save God's People

Esther 2:7, 20; 4:12-16; 5:1-4

**"Ok, let's review what has happened so far so we can figure out our next step," Kingdom Crusader said. She tossed a notepad onto the metal table and sat down.**

**Scripture Guy paced the room. "Well, let's see," he began. "We finished building the wall around King City, but the Obliterator and his army of bad guys tried to blast a hole in it."**

**"Right," Kingdom Crusader said, as she scribbled on her notepad. "We had to fight back and rebuild the wall at the same time. It's been a tough week, but we have to protect the people from those who would harm them."**

**"That's what super heroes do," Scripture Guy agreed. Then his face turned more serious. "We got a call today warning us that the Obliterator's army is preparing for another attack."**

**"What do you think we should do?" Kingdom Crusader asked.**

**"I called the police and the National Guard to reinforce the wall. I'm leaving in a few minutes to organize them," he replied.**

**Kingdom Crusader tapped the end of her pencil on the table. "I wish I could be out there bravely battling those bad guys! All this waiting is driving me crazy."**

**"But if something comes up, you need to be here in the lab ready for that very moment."**

**"Oh, you mean like Queen Esther?" Kingdom Crusader asked.**

**"Exactly!" he replied. "Remember, Queen Esther was a beautiful, young, Jewish girl who didn't know God was going to call her to do an important job. God can use anyone, no matter how young or small, if you are brave enough to answer His call!"**

**Kingdom Crusader noticed the Bible on the corner of the table. She opened it to the book of Esther. "Maybe it would help me be patient if I read her story in the Bible." She began to read and waved goodbye as Scripture Guy left to meet the Police Chief at the wall.**

**"Now, let's see," she said out loud, "King Xerxes was searching for a wife. He was having a sort of beauty contest to find the most beautiful girl in the land. Esther's uncle, Mordecai, told Esther to go and let the king see her beauty. As the king of Persia, King Xerxes would not have believed in God. Mordecai warned Esther to not tell the king she was one of God's people. King Xerxes fell in love with Esther and married her right away. One of the king's**

**advisors was a man named Haman. Haman hated Mordecai for not bowing down to him. So, Haman tricked King Xerxes into passing a law saying all God's people must be put to death! That is when Uncle Mordecai asked Queen Esther to go ask the king to save their people. Queen Esther reminded her uncle that anyone who went to the king without being invited could be punished with death. Still, Mordecai knew God's people would all die unless she risked her life and went to the king. He said to her, 'Who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?' Queen Esther had a very important choice to make. If she went to the king, there was a chance she would be punished with death. If she did not go, her people would die. Queen Esther was a very brave and godly young lady. She did what was right and went to the king. He extended his scepter to her as a sign that she was welcome. She asked him to save her people and that's just what he did! He passed a law that saved the lives of God's people!"**

**Kingdom Crusader closed the Bible and thought for a moment. "So, God used Queen Esther to save His people. Wow, that was a great story. You never know how God is going to use you. Who knows, maybe God has placed me here to do something special."**

**Suddenly the large screen started blinking: "Incoming Message! Incoming Message! Stand by for a message from the King City wall."**

**Kingdom Crusader jumped up and adjusted the dials under the screen. "Hey! Finally, some action!"**

**The Obliterator appeared on the screen. "Hello there, losers! You thought your puny wall could hold back my greatness? Ha, I laugh at your wall! My army has distracted the police and now I am coming for you!"**

**"Oh no!" Kingdom Crusader gasped.**

**"Oh yes!" The Obliterator confirmed with an evil laugh. "King City, you cannot escape the Obliterator! Nothing can stop me now! Ha ha ha ha!"**

**Philistine jumped into view and faced the evil Obliterator. "Nothing except ... the Philistine!"**

**"Philistine!" Obliterator exclaimed. "I thought I kicked you out! What are you doing here?"**

**"Putting a stop to your madness," Philistine growled.**

**"Ha! You don't have the power to stop me!" Obliterator snarled.**

**"Oh no? I gave my heart to Jesus and now His power lives in me! Besides, I have this!" Philistine triumphantly held up a glowing metal heart.**

**Obliterator's eyes opened wide. "It can't be!"**

**"It is!" Philistine's voice thundered over the loudspeaker in the lab as he lifted the heart over his head. "The Plutonium Heart!"**

**Obliterator pulled a glowing cube from his pocket. "You forget, Philistine, I have the Reverse Wisdom Cube!" he cackled with glee.**

**The Philistine rolled his eyes. "That would explain your lack of wisdom!"**

**At that, the Obliterator shoved the cube back in his pocket and snatched at the heart in the Philistine's hand. The Philistine put it in his pocket just in time. Within moments, they were wrestling on the city wall.**

**"No, Uncle Phil!" Kingdom Crusader yelled at the screen, as the Obliterator pushed the Philistine to the edge of the wall.**

**"Aha! I've got you right where I want you, Philistine!" the Obliterator howled. He reached toward the Philistine's pocket for the one thing that would give him complete control of King City: the Plutonium Heart.**

**Philistine struggled to push away from the Obliterator and looked at the city-monitoring camera. "He's too strong. I can't hold him. Hit the button."**

**Kingdom Crusader yelled into the microphone, "What button?"**

**"I installed a large red button in the lab," the Philistine gasped. "Hit that button and it will send shock waves down the wall."**

**"But that could cause the Plutonium Heart to explode!" Kingdom Crusader warned.**

**"I know. That's a chance I'll have to take. Perhaps I have come to King City for such a time as this!" Philistine yelled back.**

**"Stop talking to the camera and prepare to be obliterated!" The Obliterator snarled.**

**"Hit the button now!" Philistine demanded.**

**"Okay!" Kingdom Crusader closed her eyes and prayed as she pressed the button. The buzzing of shockwaves snapped across the loudspeakers. The Obliterator and the Philistine flew into the air and disappeared behind the wall.**

**"I'll be baaaack!" the Obliterator yelled, as he disappeared.**

**"Uncle Phil! Oh no!" Kingdom Crusader raced out the door and across the street to the wall. "Uncle Phil risked his life for the sake of King City! Just like Queen Esther, he bravely put the people of King City before his own safety." She hopped up to the top of wall and peered down the other side. "Uncle Phil, are you OK?"**

**She could see where he had landed in a pile of leaves. "Whew, he must be ok. Those leaves would have been a soft landing spot. But where did he go?" The Philistine was nowhere to be seen but somehow Kingdom Crusader knew she'd see him again.**