

Esther

Chapter 1

The kingdom of King Ahasuerus stretched from India to Ethiopia.

Ahasuerus gave a banquet for all his leading people.
But Queen Vashti refused to join the banquet.

The king therefore decided to replace Vashti as queen.

Dear God, please bless all kings and queens in the world

Chapter 2

A selection process was begun to find a woman to replace Vashti as queen.

Esther was a beautiful Jewish orphan girl who had been brought up by her cousin Mordecai.

After the long selection process was finished, Esther was chosen to be queen.

No one in the palace knew she was Jewish.

Dear God, again I ask you,
please bless all kings and queens

Chapter 3

About this time Haman from the land of Agag was promoted by King Ahasuerus to a top position. All other officials were to bow and prostrate themselves before Haman.

Mordecai refused to bow to Haman.

This made Haman very angry.

Haman found out that Mordecai was a Jew.

Haman decided to kill Mordecai and all Jews in the kingdom.