

"Let a search be made for beautiful young virgins for the king.." ESTHER 2:2

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"Before a young woman's turn came to go into King Xerxes, she had to complete twelve months of beauty treatments prescribed for the women, six months with oil of myrrh and six with perfumes and cosmetics." ESTHER 2:12

"There is a certain people dispersed and scattered among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom whose customs are different from those of all other people...and who do not obey the king's laws. It is not in the kings' best interest to tolerate them...so let a decree be issued to destroy them and I will put ten thousand talents of silver into the royal treasury for the men who carry out this business." ESTHER 3:8-9

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> "Dispatches were sent by couriers to all the king's provinces with the order to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jewsyoung and old, women and children—on a single day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar, and to plunder their goods." ESTHER 3:13

"All the king's officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that they be put to death unless the king extends the gold scepter to them and spares their lives. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king." ESTHER 4:11

5 6 "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

ESTHER 4:13



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"Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish."



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