

# ESTHER the very brave Queen

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Long ago, in the land of Persia,  
lived a young queen called Esther.  
She was beautiful and wise,  
but she was also a Jew.



Her husband, the king,  
was very rich and powerful.  
Whatever he said,  
then that was the law.



Some people in the kingdom of  
Persia wanted to kill all the Jews.  
One of these people was  
a man called Haman.



Haman thought up a clever  
plan. He would trick the king  
into making a law commanding  
that all Jews must die.



But Queen Esther was smart. When  
she found out about Haman's plan  
she invited Haman to a special meal.  
He didn't know that Esther was a Jew.



At the special meal, Queen  
Esther told her husband the  
king about Haman's plan.  
The king was very angry.



"If you kill the Jews,"  
said the king, "then you  
will have killed my wife!"  
Haman was scared.



The king ordered that  
Haman be killed. Now  
the Jews were safe and  
Queen Esther was safe too.