



FOREMOTHER HADASSAH

L/O: For our young daughters to learn about our foremother Hadassah. To understand her courageous acts that saved the Jews as well as identify the characteristics all LDOS's and YDOS's should exhibit.

TEACH:

Let's take a look at who Hadassah was. Hadassah was an Israelite woman from the tribe of Benjamin. She was raised by her cousin Mordecai and became queen to a heathen king. At that time, it was part of God's mighty plan, for her to help save the Jews from being destroyed. By the order of the King, by way of an Edomite named Haman.

After King Ahaserus' wife; Vashti disrespected him, she was put away to be made an example of. At this time a new queen had to be sought after.

Esther 1:1; 11-12; 15-17; 20-22

[1] Now it came to passe in the days of Ahasuerus, (this is Ahasuerus which reigned from India, even unto Ethiopia, over an hundred, and seven and twenty princes.)

[11] To bring Vasthi the Queene before the king, with the Crowne royal, to shew the people, and the Princes her beauty: for she was faire to look on.

[12] But the Queene Vasthi refused to come at the Kings commandment by his chamberlains: therefore was the King very wroth, and his anger burned in him.

[15] What shall we do unto the Queene Vasthi, according to law, because she hath not performed the commandment of the king Ahasuerus, by the chamberlains?

[16] And Memucan answered before the king and the Princes; Vasthi the Queene hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the Princes, and to all the people that are in all the princes of the king Ahasuerus.

[17] This deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported; The king Ahasuerus commanded Vasthi the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not.

[20] And when the kings decree, which he shall make, shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great:) all the wives shall give to their husbands honour, both to great and small.

[21] And the saying pleased the king and the princes, and the king did according to the word of Memucan:

[22] For he sent letters into all the kings princes, into every prince, according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and that it should be published according to the language of every people.

Question

1. Why was Vashti put away? What did she do?
2. Are Israelite YDOS's and DOS supposed to follow after Vashti?

TEACH:

Since Vashti had been put away, a new queen was sought after. The king found favor in Hadassah, who was also called Esther. Her father and mother had died and was raised by Mordecai, a Benjamite.

Esther 2:17-18

[12] Now when every maids tur was come, to go in to King Ahasnerus, after that she had bene twelve months, according to the manner of the women (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, to wit, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours, and with other things for the purifying of the women.)

[17] And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight, more then all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen, instead of Vasthi.

[18] Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, even Esthers feast, and he made a release to the princes, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king.

Question:

1. What would be the purpose for these women soaking in oils for a year?
2. What is the reason a girl and woman would take care of themselves?

Hadassah was then made a queen as King Ahaserus loved her far above all the other women. Hadassah was a very discreet woman and followed instructions. Her cousin Mordecai told her not to reveal her race to fulfil the plan that he had.

Questions:

1. Which tribe was Hadassah from?

TEACH:

As time went on with Hadassah as the queen, there were plots going on in the background to destroy the Jews because Mordecai did not bow to Haman. Hadassah had moments where she felt uncomfortable in her position as queen, at which Mordecai had to remind her of who she was and that she needed to help save our people.

Esther 4:11-14

[11] All the Kings servants, and the people of the kings princes do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the King into the inner court, who is not

called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the King shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may lie: but I have not been called to come in unto the King, these thirty days.

[12] And they told to Mordecai Esthers words.

[13] Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther; Think not with thy self that thou shalt escape in the kings house, more then all the wives.

[14] For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the wives from another place, but thou and thy fathers house shall be destroyed: And who knoweth, whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

Hadassah shifted her mindset to think about our people, our history, our deliverance and not just herself. Through fasting and prayer she gained her strength.

Esther 4

[15] Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer:

[16] Go gather together all the wives that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise, and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the Law, and if I perish, I perish.

[17] So Mordecai went his way and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

Question:

1. How do we fast?

TEACH:

Hadassah was very courageous. One of the laws in King Ahaserus's kingdom was that no one was allowed to go into his court without being summoned, otherwise they would be killed. Through faith and submission to Mordecai, Hadassah was brave enough to approach the King to make requests that would help save our nation.

Esther 5

[1] Now it came to passe on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the kings house, over against the kings house: and the King sate upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house.

[2] And it was so, when the king saw Esther the Queene standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand: So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre.

[3] Then said the King unto her, What wilt thou? Queene Esther? and what is thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom.

TEACH:

Hadassah was faithful, smart, witty and persuasive. She held a banquet with herself, the King and Haman to carry out the plan that she and Mordecai had to put together to save our people.

Esther 7

[1] So the King and Haman came to banquet with Esther the Queene.

[2] And the king said again unto Esther, on the second day at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition? Queene Esther, and it shall be granted thee. and what is thy request? and it shall be performed, even to the half of the kingdom.

[3] Then Esther the Queene answered, and said; If I have found favour in thy sight, O King, and if it please the King, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request.

[4] For we are sold, I, and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish: but if we had bene sold for bondmen, and bondwomen, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not countervail the kings damage.

[5]¶ Then the king Ahasuerus answered, & said vnto Esther the Queene: Who is he? and where is he, that durst presume in his heart to do so?

[6] And Esther said, The adversary and enemy, is this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid before the King and the Queene.

[7] And the king arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath, went into the palace garden: and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the Queene: for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the King.

[8] Then the king returned out of the palace garden, into the place of the banquet of wine, and Haman was fallen upon the bed whereon Esther was. Then said the King, Will hence force the Queene also before me in the house? As the word went out of the Kings mouth, they covered Hamans face.

[9] And Harbonah one of the chamberlains, said before the king; Behold also the gallows, fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, who had spoken good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him thereon.

[10] So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the Kings wrath pacified.

Question:

1. Can you tell me what is happening in this chapter?

TEACH:

Through Mordecai and Hadassah's fearless acts, the Jews were saved! Haman, his wife and sons were killed for the evil that they planned to do to our nation! From this history came the memorial day called Purim!



Closing & Review:

BONUS!

Teaching guide for our young lions on our forefather Mordecai for his wonderful acts.

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