



Event: Titus 2
Topic: Imagery of Our Foremothers, Part 2
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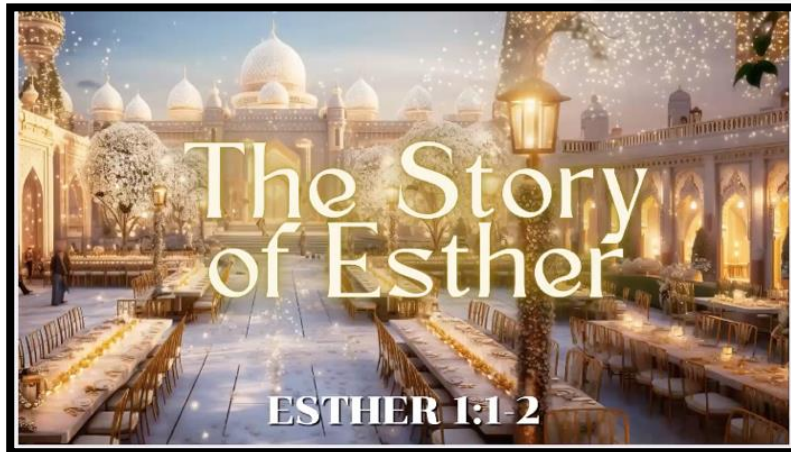
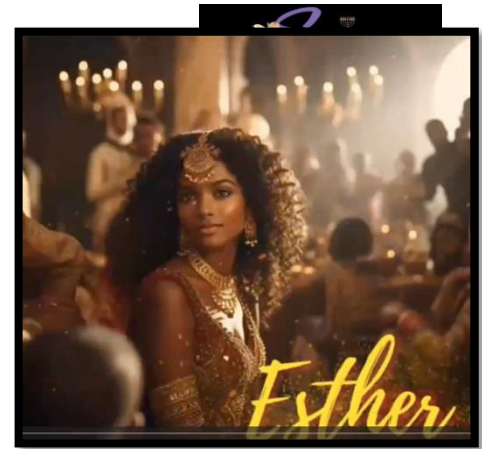


Ice Breaker Question: What Do You Think You Have to Sacrifice in Your Marriage to be Happy?

Responses: Pride, Own wants and needs, Sleep, Privacy, Emotions, Control, Being Right, Your Time

Foremother Esther:

- She sacrificed a lot being married to a Persian King
- She did what she had to do for her people.
- Her examples show us what we need to do to make sacrifices for our family in both good and bad times.
- When you get married and have a family, there is no more “ME”.



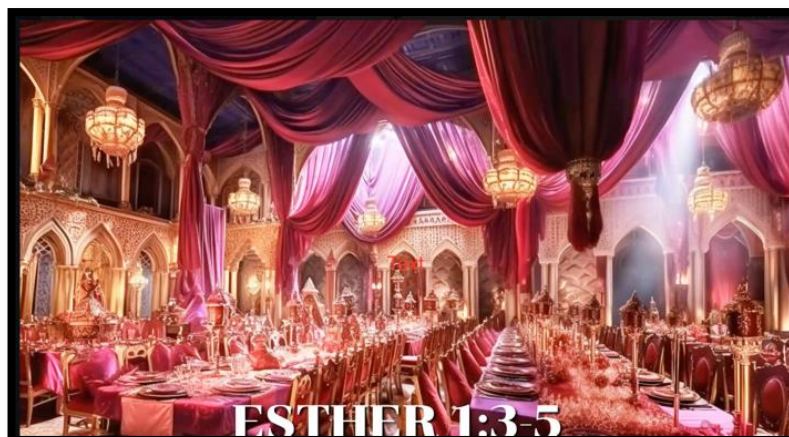
Esther 1: 1-2 (KJV)

1 Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, (this is Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, over an hundred and seven and twenty provinces:)

2 That in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the palace

- King Ahasuerus reigned over 127 provinces and he was not of Israel.

Esther 1: 3-5 (KJV) In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him: **4** When he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty many days, even an hundred and fourscore days. **5** And when these days were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace



Esther 1: 6 (KJV) Where were white, green, and blue, hanging, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the beds were of gold and silver, upon a pavement of red, and blue, and white, and black, marble.



Esther 1: 9-12 (KJV) - Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which belonged to king Ahasuerus. **10** On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king, **11** To bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she was fair to look on. **12** But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by his chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him.

- The king was very proud of his beautiful wife that he wanted to show her to the princes and to the people.
- Queen Vashti refused her husband, and this showed her disrespect for him and his authority.
- Some wives in Israel behave like Queen Vashti and show great disrespect and dishonor for their husbands when they refuse to obey their instructions.



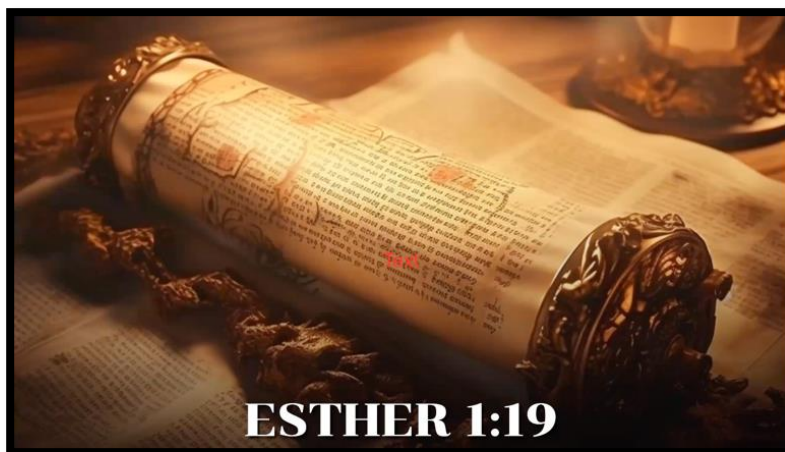
Esther 1: 13-14 (KJV)- Then the king said to the wise men, which knew the times, (for so was the king's manner toward all that knew law and judgment, **14** And the next unto him was Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, which saw the king's face, and which sat the first in the kingdom;)

- the king sought counsel from his wise men.



Esther 1:19 (KJV) If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, that Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she.

- The way you carry yourself matters and you must have honor and reverence toward your lord and set the example for others to follow.



Esther 2:2 (KJV) Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king:

- Our mindset must be that of a virgin, more loyal and pure in thought. They do not have any other man's spirits polluting their spirit.

Esther 2:8 (KJV) So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also unto the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women.

- Esther was raised by her cousin Mordecai and chosen to be the elect to go before the king.



Esther 2:9 (KJV) And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her things for purification, with such things as belonged to her, and seven maidens, *which were* meet to be given her, out of the king's house: and he preferred her and her maids unto the best *place* of the house of the women.

- We need to carry ourselves as Esther did – with seasoned speech and pleasant countenance to obtain things that we wish from our lords.



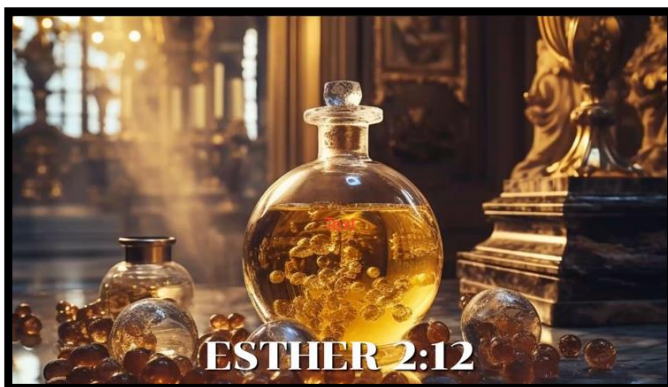
Esther 2:10-11 (KJV) Esther had not shewed her people nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her that she should not shew it. **11** And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women's house, to know how Esther did, and what should become of her.

- Our job as parents is to know where children are, what they are doing, and who they are always with.
- We need to spend time with them, teach them, love them, and pay attention to them.



Esther 2:12 (KJV) Now when every maid's turn was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been 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;)

- Take time to cleanse yourself. Do not rush the beautification process.
- Add oils to your baths, use sugar scrubs to soften your skin, add lotion to keep your skin moist.
- Make yourself beautiful for your husband. He does not want to come home to an unkept wife.



Esther 2:13 (KJV) Then thus came *every* maiden unto the king; whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house.



Esther 2: 14-15 (KJV)

14 In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's chamberlain, which kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she were called by name.

15 Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

- When around your husband, do not have a poor countenance, a Resting “B” Face, and seem angry or depressed.
- You must always strive to obtain favor of your Lord by showing him honor, reverence, and respect. Do not speak ill of him or toward him and do not call him a BAN (bitch ass nigga).
- Always strive to show your inner beauty outwardly to the point that when you are gone, everyone will miss you and have nothing but nice things to say about you.



Esther 2:16-17 (KJV)

16 So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which *is* the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.

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

- Practice how to keep your lord in love with you.
- Strive to find favor in your lord's eyes as Esther found favor in the King's eyes.



- Men prefer women that respect and honor them.

Esther 2:18 (KJV) Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, *even* Esther's feast; and he made a release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king.



Esther 2:19 (KJV) And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai sat in the king's gate.

- **Important:** Mordecai was Esther's cousin and raised her from her youth. Taught her all the laws of The Most High



Esther 3:1 (KJV) After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that *were* with him.

- Haman promoted to second in command.



Esther 3: 2-4 (KJV)

2 And all the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, bowed, and revered Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence.

3 Then the king's servants, which were in the king's gate, said unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king's commandment?

4 Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters would stand: for he had told them that he was a Jew.

- Everyone bowed to him to show him reverence except for Mordecai. Mordecai kept the laws of God and was not being prideful.
- This caused Haman to hate him.



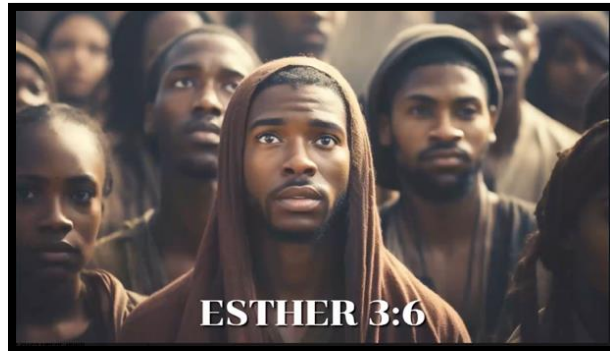
Esther 3:5 (KJV) And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath.

- Haman was full of wrath because Mordecai did not bow down to him like the others.



Esther 3: 6 (KJV) And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai.

- Because of his wrath toward Mordecai, Haman set out to destroy all the Jews in the land.



Esther 3: 12-13 (KJV)

12 Then were the king's scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors that were over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring.

13 And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey.

- Mordecai tells Esther Haman's plan to destroy all the Jews and that a letter was sent to all 127 provinces.

Esther 14: 12-19 (KJV Apocrypha)

12 Remember, O Lord, make thyself known in time of our affliction, and give me boldness, O King of the nations, and Lord of all power.

13 Give me eloquent speech in my mouth before the lion: turn his heart to hate him that fighteth against us, that there may be an end of him, and of all that are likeminded to him:

14 But deliver us with thine hand, and help me that am desolate, and which have no other help but thee.

15 Thou knowest all things, O Lord; thou knowest that I hate the glory of the unrighteous, and abhor the bed of the uncircumcised, and of all the heathen.

16 Thou knowest my necessity: for I abhor the sign of my high estate, which is upon mine head in the days wherein I shew myself, and that I abhor it as a menstruous rag, and that I wear it not when I am private by myself.

17 And that thine handmaid hath not eaten at Aman's table, and that I have not greatly esteemed the king's feast, nor drunk the wine of the drink offerings.

18 Neither had thine handmaid any joy since the day that I was brought hither to this present, but in thee, O Lord God of Abraham.

19 O thou mighty God above all, hear the voice of the forlorn and deliver us out of the hands of the mischievous, and deliver me out of my fear.

- Esther fasted for three days then told her people to fast as well.
- We must practice fasting when we find ourselves with an unloving spirit towards our husbands.
- She prayed for eloquent speech to persuade the king to save her people.
- Esther hated being married to the king and sharing his bed, but she suffered through it all for the benefit of her people.
- We must be selfless when it comes to our husbands, children, brethren, nation because this walk is much bigger than ourselves.
- We must continue to push through the hard times.
- Esther's prayer is a perfect example of how we should pray to the Lord when we need help and guidance.
- The foundation that is set in a marriage is vital to the continued generation after generation.
- Our foremother Esther is a perfect example of how we should speak to our husbands.
- We cannot be his mother and boss him around or tell him what to do. We are his wife and must be submissive to his wants, desires, and needs.
- Our heritage was being submissive, wanting their protection, loving our husbands, and letting them lead.
- Wives submit to your lord as if Christ was standing in front of you.
- You may not like something but if it is good for the nation/family, then you must put your feelings aside because it's not about what you want or how you feel.
- If you find this hard, then pray about it and do not give up.



Esther 5: 1-2 (KJV) And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen 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.

- Esther obtained the favor of the king and if we follow her, we will obtain the favor of our Lord.





Esther 5:3 (KJV) Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what *is* thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom.

- Esther's countenance and words were so sweet that the king was willing to give her half of his kingdom.

Esther 5:4 (KJV) And Esther answered, If *it seem* good unto the king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him.

- How many sisters start their sentences with "If it seems good unto you" when speaking to their husbands?
- Study

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Esther 5:5-6 (KJV)

5 Then the king said, Cause Haman to make haste, that he may do as Esther hath said. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

6 And the king said unto Esther at the banquet of wine, What *is* thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what *is* thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed.

- During the feast, even though she did not like being married to the king, Esther made the king feel like he was the only one in the world.
- Her example teaches us to be peaceful and gentle even when we are angry or unhappy.

Esther 5:7-8 (KJV)

7 Then answered Esther, and said, My petition and my request *is*;

8 If I have found favour in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and do tomorrow as the hath said.

- Use powerful words like “if pleases you” you have found favor in when speaking your lord.
- Write these sentences down and tap into our foremothers.



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Esther 7:1-2 (KJV)

1 So the king and Haman came to banquet with Esther the queen.

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

- Esther won the king over to the point that whenever she appeared before him, he wanted to grant her half of his kingdom.



Esther 7:3-4

3 Then Esther answered and found favour in king, and if it king, let my

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 been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not countervail the king's damage.

- While asking for things that we desire of our lords, we should always strive to exhort him as Esther did when begging for the king to save her and her people.

(KJV)

the queen said, If I have thy sight, O please the life be given

Esther 7:5-6

5 Then the king answered and said



(KJV)

Ahasuerus unto Esther the

queen, 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 queen.

- Esther revealed that Haman wanted to destroy her and her people.
- Imagine how the king felt when he found out someone wanted to kill his Queen.



- The king believed Esther because she gained favor from him in the way she conducted and carried herself.

Esther 7:7-9

7 And the king banquet of wrath *went* into and Haman request for his queen; for he evil determined



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arising from the wine in his the palace garden: stood up to make life to Esther the saw that there was 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 he force the queen also before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face.



9 And Harbonah,
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said, Hang him thereon.



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Foremother Sara:



Tobit 1:9 (KJV Apocrypha) Furthermore, when I was come to the age of a man, I married Anna of mine own kindred, and of her I begat Tobias.

- Tobit married Anna and they had a son named Tobias.

Tobit 2:1-2 (KJV Apocrypha)

1 Now when I was come home again, and my wife Anna was restored unto me, with my son Tobias, in the feast of Pentecost, which is the holy feast of the seven weeks, there was a good dinner prepared me, in the which I sat down to eat.

2 And when I saw abundance of meat, I said to my son, Go and bring what poor man soever thou shalt find out of our brethren, who is mindful of the Lord; and, lo, I tarry for thee.

- Tobit had to flee from his family because he was breaking the law of the heathen by burying the dead of his people.
- Anna had made a feast for the return of her Lord and Tobit had his son send out invites to ONLY those of his people that were keeping God's laws.



Tobit 2:3-7 (KJV Apocrypha)

3 But he came again, and said, Father, one of our nation is strangled, and is cast out in the marketplace.

4 Then before I had tasted of any meat, I started up, and took him up into a room until the going down of the sun.

5 Then I returned, and washed myself, and ate my meat in heaviness,

6 Remembering that prophecy of Amos, as he said, Your feasts shall be turned into mourning, and all your mirth into lamentation.

7 Therefore I wept: and after the going down of the sun I went and made a grave, and buried him.





- Tobias found a dead Israelite in the street and ran to tell his father.
- Tobit cared for the dead of his people and went to bury this man before sitting down to eat his dinner.
- He put his brethren before himself and continued in the service of the Lord.
- We too must put our husbands and family's needs above our own because we serve a bigger mission.

Tobit 2:8 (KJV Apocrypha) But my

neighbours mocked me, and said, This man is not yet afraid to be put to death for this matter: who fled away; and yet, lo, he burieth the dead again.

- Tobit continued burying the dead even when he returned regardless of the people mocking him.
- We must continue in this work regardless of what others think of us, that we are in a cult, that we are crazy, or whatever they may say because the only one that matters is what the Lord sees us do.

Tobit 2:9-10 (KJV Apocrypha)

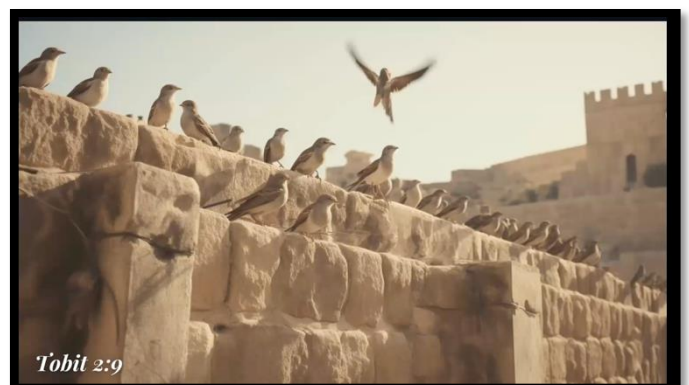
9 The same night also I returned from the burial, and slept by the wall of my courtyard, being polluted and my face was uncovered:

10 And I knew not that there were sparrows in the wall, and mine eyes being open, the sparrows muted warm dung into mine eyes, and a whiteness came in mine eyes: and I went to the physicians, but they helped me not: moreover Achiacharus did nourish me, until I went into Elymais.

- After he returned from burying his brethren, he slept against the wall with his eyes open and a bird let dung down in his eyes causing him to become blind.
- No one could help him.

Tobit 2:11 (KJV Apocrypha) And my wife Anna did take women's works to do.

- Anna, Tobit's wife, wanted to help her husband so she found women's work to do to help the household.
- We are to do the same thing – support our husband in every and any way that we can



without complaining about it to her husband. Step it up sisters.

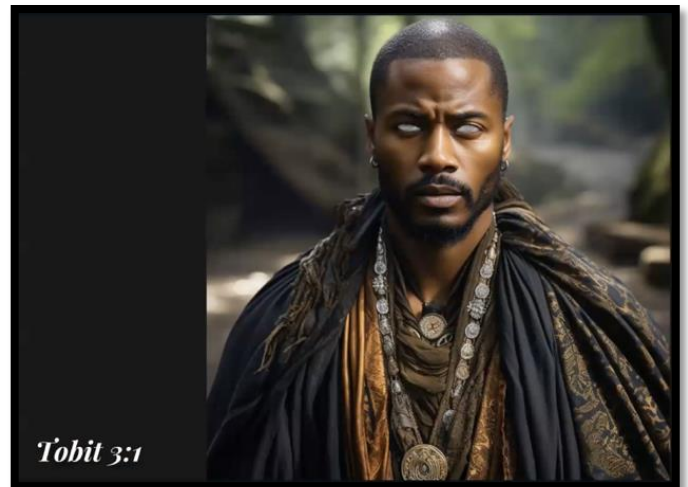
Tobit 2: 12-14 (KJV Apocrypha)

12 And when she had sent them home to the owners, they paid her wages, and gave her also besides a kid.

13 And when it was in my house, and began to cry, I said unto her, From whence is this kid? is it not stolen? render it to the owners; for it is not lawful to eat any thing that is stolen.

14 But she replied upon me, It was given for a gift more than the wages. Howbeit I did not believe her, but bade her render it to the owners: and I was abashed at her. But she replied upon me, Where are thine alms and thy righteous deeds? behold, thou and all thy works are known.

- Anna was paid for her labor and was given a goat as a bonus, but her husband accused her of stealing it and ordered her to give it back.
- Rather than shouting back at him, she exhorted him and his good works explaining that for all the good he does, the people recognized it and wanted to help so they gave them a goat.
- A Goat could have provided much for the family: food, milk, cheese, butter, clothing.
- Follow Sara's example and when your lord says something that you do not like, take it with a grain of salt and reply calmly, peaceably, and exhort him in your response.



Tobit 3:1-6 (KJV Apocrypha)

1 Then I being grieved did weep, and in my sorrow prayed, saying,

2 O Lord, thou art just, and all thy works and all thy ways are mercy and truth, and thou judgest truly and justly for ever.

3 Remember me, and look on me, punish me not for my sins and ignorances, and the sins of my fathers, who have sinned before thee:

4 For they obeyed not thy commandments: wherefore thou hast delivered us for a spoil,



and unto captivity, and unto death, and for a proverb of reproach to all the nations among whom we are dispersed.

5 And now thy judgments are many and true: deal with me according to my sins and my fathers': because we have not kept thy commandments, neither have walked in truth before thee.

6 Now therefore deal with me as seemeth best unto thee, and command my spirit to be taken from me, that I may be dissolved, and become earth: for it is profitable for me to die rather than to live, because I have heard false reproaches, and have much sorrow: command therefore that I may now be delivered out of this distress, and go into the everlasting place: turn not thy face away from me.

- Tobit prays to The Most High acknowledging his sins and asking for forgiveness because he realizes that his blindness is judgement from the Lord.
- In taking accountability for his transgressions, he asks for death rather than remaining blind.
- When we go through it, it could be judgement from the Lord. Keep in prayer to The Highest and always ask for forgiveness of any wrongdoings against him.

Tobit 3:7 (KJV Apocrypha) It came to pass the same day, that in Ecbatane a city of Media Sara the daughter of Raguel was also reproached by her father's maids;

Tobit 3:8-9 (KJV Apocrypha)

8 Because that she had been married to seven husbands, whom Asmodeus the evil spirit had killed, before they had lain with her. Dost thou not know, said they, that thou hast strangled thine husbands? thou hast had already seven husbands, neither wast thou named after any of them.

9 Wherefore dost thou beat us for them? if they be dead, go thy ways after them, let us never see of thee either son or daughter.

- Sara's father's maids were ridiculing her because she was married seven times and each of her husbands died before making it to the wedding chamber telling her she should have died too. They were very mean to her.
- When in fact, they were not chosen by The Most High for her.



- Like many of us in the world, we choose to have boyfriends and when things do not work, we wonder Why Me? It did not work because it was not a righteous relationship, and they were not given to you by The Most High. They were not CHOSEN by God

Tobit 3:10-15 (KJV Apocrypha)

10 When she heard these things, she was very sorrowful, so that she thought to have strangled herself; and she said, I am the only daughter of my father, and if I do this, it shall be a reproach



unto him, and I shall
sorrow unto the grave.

11 Then she prayed
said, Blessed art thou,
thine holy and glorious
honourable for ever: let
for ever.

12 And now, O Lord, I
toward thee,

13 And say, Take me out of the earth, that I may hear no more the reproach.

14 Thou knowest, Lord, that I am pure from all sin with man,

15 And that I never polluted my name, nor the name of my father, in the land of my captivity: I
am the only daughter of my father, neither hath he any child to be his heir, neither any near



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kinsman, nor any son of his alive, to whom I may keep myself for a wife: my seven husbands are already dead; and why should I live? but if it please not thee that I should die, command some regard to be had of me, and pity taken of me, that I hear no more reproach.

- Sara wanted to kill herself because she was sad over the loss of all her husbands.
- So, while Tobit was praying to the Lord, Sara was also praying to the Lord.
- She prayed that she be taken from the earth but that she did not want to hurt her father.
- In her prayer, she considered how her father would feel if she were to die and asked that the Lord remove any reproach from her.
- As Sara took her distresses to God, we should also do the same each and every time we feel like we just can not handle what is given to us. We know that God does not give us more than we can bear.



Tobit 3:16-17

16 So the prayers heard before the great God.

17 And Raphael them both, that is, whiteness of

give Sara the daughter of Raguel for a wife to Tobias the son of Tobit; and to bind Asmodeus the evil spirit; because she belonged to Tobias by right of inheritance. The selfsame time came Tobit home, and entered into his house, and Sara the daughter of Raguel came down from her upper chamber.

- The Most High hears the prayers of those that follow and obey his laws.
- Always give whatever troubles you to the Lord in prayer and he will respond.

(KJV Apocrypha)
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was sent to heal to scale away the Tobit's eyes, and to





- As Tobit and Sara prayed to the Lord for healing, forgiveness, and strength, the Lord responded by sending the angel, Rafael to heal him and to give Tobias to Sara for a husband.
- The Most High has someone already picked out for each of us. We cannot choose our righteous mate without seeking The Most High through prayer and counsel from leadership for this man is better and different than any worldly man you could choose yourself.



Tobit 5: 4-13 (KJV Apocrypha)

3 Then he gave him the handwriting, and said unto him, Seek thee a man which may go with thee, whiles I yet live, and I will give him wages: and go and receive the money.

4 Therefore when he went to seek a man, he found Raphael that was an angel.

5 But he knew not; and he said unto him, Canst thou go with me to Rages? and knowest thou those places well?

6 To whom the angel said, I will go with thee, and I know the way well: for I have lodged with our brother Gabael.

7 Then Tobias said unto him, Tarry for me, till I tell my father.

8 Then he said unto him, Go and tarry not. So he went in and said to his father, Behold, I have found one which will go with me. Then he said, Call him unto me, that I may know of what tribe he is, and whether he be a trusty man to go with thee.

9 So he called him, and he came in, and they saluted one another.

10 Then Tobit said unto him, Brother, shew me of what tribe and family thou art.

11 To whom he said, Dost thou seek for a tribe or family, or an hired man to go with thy son? Then Tobit said unto him, I would know, brother, thy kindred and name.

12 Then he said, I am Azarias, the son of Ananias the great, and of thy brethren.

13 Then Tobit said, Thou art welcome, brother; be not now angry with me, because I have enquired to know thy tribe and thy family; for thou art my brother, of an honest and good stock: for I know Ananias and Jonathas, sons of that great Samaias, as we went together to Jerusalem to

worship, and offered the firstborn, and the tenths of the fruits; and they were not seduced with the error of our brethren: my brother, thou art of a good stock.

- Tobit sent Tobias to find someone who would travel with him to Rages.
- Tobias met a man, unbeknownst to him that it was Rafael, an angel sent by the Lord to go with him to meet and marry Sara.
- When Tobias brought Rafael home to meet and get the approval from his father, his father asked many questions of Rafael to ensure that he was trustworthy enough to travel with his son.
- We as parents must always know who our children are hanging around, regardless of their age, so we can deflect any negative influences they may have them.



Tobit 5:17 (KJV Apocrypha) But Anna his mother wept, and said to Tobit, Why hast thou sent away our son? is he not the staff of our hand, in going in and out before us?

- Anna was worried about her son being away so long that she wept.



Tobit 6:1-6 (KJV Apocrypha)

1 And as they went on their journey, they came in the evening to the river Tigris, and they lodged there.

2 And when the young man went down to wash himself, a fish leaped out of the river, and would have devoured him.

3 Then the angel said unto him, Take the fish. And the young man laid hold of the fish, and drew it to land.

4 To whom the angel said, Open the fish, and take the heart and the liver and the gall, and put them up safely.

5 So the young man did as the angel commanded him; and when they had roasted the fish, they did eat it: then they both went on their way, till they drew near to Ecbatane.

6 Then the young man said to the angel, Brother Azarias, to what use is the heart and the liver and the gal of the fish?

- Rafael instructed Tobias to catch the fish that jumped out of the river – it would be important to the wedding chamber.
- Tobias cleaned the fish and kept the heart and the liver as Rafael had instructed.
- He told Tobias that burning these parts, when burned, would make the evil spirit depart and never return.
- Tobias was to use the gal of the fish to rub on the eyes of his father, Tobit, to restore his sight.



Tobit 6:10 (KJV Apocrypha) The angel said to the young man, Brother, today we shall lodge with Raguel, who is thy cousin; he also hath one only daughter, named Sara; I will speak for her, that she may be given thee for a wife.

- Sara was already ordained by God to be Tobit's wife and Rafael was sent to make this happen.

Tobit 6:14-17 (KJV Apocrypha) And now I am the only son of my father, and I am afraid, lest if I go in unto her, I die, as the other before: for a wicked spirit loveth her, which hurteth no body, but those which come unto her; wherefore I also fear lest I die, and bring my father's and my mother's life because of me to the grave with sorrow: for they have no other son to bury them. 15 Then the angel said unto him, Dost thou not remember the precepts which thy father gave thee, that thou shouldest marry a wife of thine own kindred? wherefore hear me, O my brother; for she shall be given thee to wife; and make thou no reckoning of the evil spirit; for this same night shall she be given thee in marriage.

16 And when thou shalt come into the marriage chamber, thou shalt take the ashes of perfume, and shalt lay upon them some of the heart and liver of the fish, and shalt make a smoke with it:

17 And the devil shall smell it, and flee away, and never come again any more: but when thou shalt come to her, rise up both of you, and pray to God which is merciful, who will have pity on you, and save you: fear not, for she is appointed unto thee from the beginning; and thou shalt preserve her, and she shall go with thee. Moreover I suppose that she shall bear thee children. Now when Tobias had heard these things, he loved her, and his heart was effectually joined to her.

- Tobit shared his fear of dying like the other to Rafael who instructed him how to make the evil spirit leave for good.
- When we are fearful about something, we should turn to the Lord in prayer, so he makes remove the fear from us.



Tobit 7:1 (KJC Apocrypha) And when they were come to Ecbatane, they came to the house of Raguel, and Sara met them: and after they had saluted one another, she brought them into the house.

- The first time Tobit meets Sara.



Tobit 7:11 (KJV Apocrypha) I have given my daughter in marriage to seven men, who died that night they came in unto her: nevertheless for the present be merry. But Tobias said, I will eat nothing here, till we agree and swear one to another.

Tobit 7:13 (KJV Apocrypha) Then he called his daughter Sara, and she came to her father, and he took her by the hand, and gave her to be wife to Tobias, saying, Behold, take her after the law of Moses, and lead her away to thy father. And he blessed them;

- Sara was called by her father so he could give her to Tobias.



Tobit 7:14-17 (KJV Apocrypha)

14 And called Edna his wife, and took paper, and did write an instrument of covenants, and sealed it.

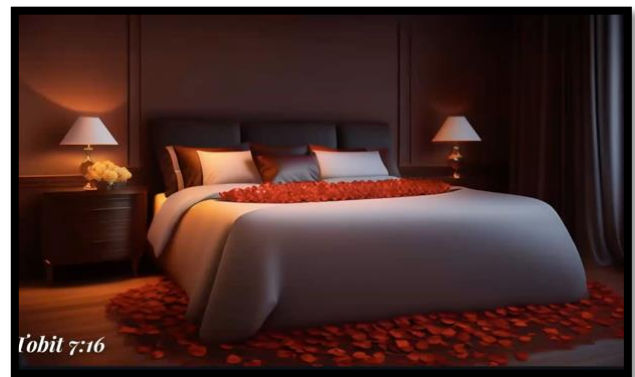
15 Then they began to eat.

16 After Raguel called his wife Edna, and said unto her, Sister, prepare another chamber, and bring her in thither.

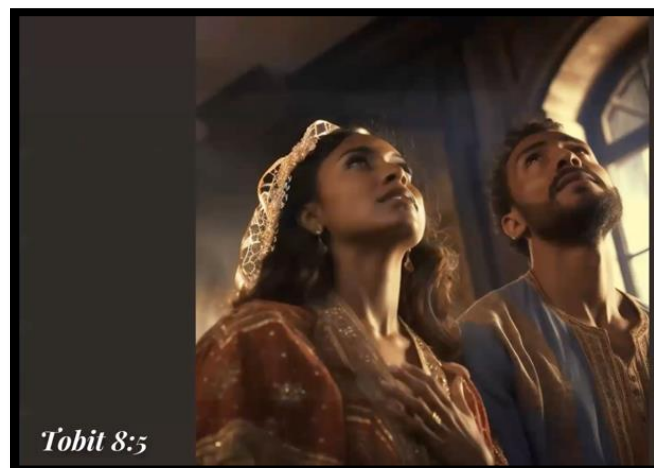
17 Which when she had done as he had bidden her, she brought her thither: and she wept, and she received the tears of her daughter, and said unto her,

18 Be of good comfort, my daughter; the Lord of heaven and earth give thee joy for this thy sorrow: be of good comfort, my daughter.

- Our marriage certificate today comes directly from our forefathers and foremothers because a covenant was written back then between the groom and bride before entering the wedding chamber.
- Sara's mother loved and care for her so much, that she made up the wedding chamber and prepared it for her daughter and her husband.
- We must let our children know that the Lord of heaven and earth will provide for them, and they must remain of good comfort and be patient.



Tobit 8:5 (KJV Apocrypha) Then began Tobias to say, Blessed art thou, O God of our fathers, and blessed is thy holy and glorious name for ever; let the heavens bless thee, and all thy creatures.



Tobit 11:5 (KJV Apocrypha) Now Anna sat looking about toward the way for her son.

Tobit 11:13-15 (KJV Apocrypha)

13 And the whiteness pilled away from the corners of his eyes: and when he saw his son, he fell upon his neck.

14 And he wept, and said, Blessed art thou, O God, and blessed is thy name for ever; and blessed are all thine holy angels:

15 For thou hast scourged, and hast taken pity on me: for, behold, I see my son Tobias. And his son went in rejoicing, and told his father the



great things that had happened to him in Media.

- Tobias had used the gal from the fish to clean the whiteness from his father's eyes and return his sight.

Tobit 11:19 (KJV Apocrypha) And Tobias' wedding was kept seven days with great joy.

Tobit 12:11-12 (KJV Apocrypha)

11 Surely I will keep close nothing from you. For I said, It was good to keep close the secret of a king, but that it was honourable to reveal the works of God.

12 Now therefore, when thou didst pray, and Sara thy daughter in law, I did bring the remembrance of your prayers before the Holy One: and when thou didst bury the dead, I was with thee likewise.

- Rafael revealed to Tobit and Tobias that The Most High had sent him to help.
- Prayer is a mighty and powerful tool and we better use it to the best of our ability making sure we do not pray amiss because the angel charged over us sees all and records all.



Tobit 12:13-17 (KJV Apocrypha)

13 And when thou didst not delay to rise up, and leave thy dinner, to go and cover the dead, thy good deed was not hid from me: but I was with thee.

14 And now God hath sent me to heal thee and Sara thy daughter in law.

15 I am Raphael, one of the seven holy angels, which present the prayers of the saints, and which go in and out before the glory of the Holy One.

16 Then they were both troubled, and fell upon their faces: for they feared.

17 But he said unto them, Fear not, for it shall go well with you; praise God therefore.

- Rafael was one of seven angels which present our prayers to God.



- God determines how much help we get by the deeds we do and the alms we give.

Tobit 12:18 (KJV Apocrypha) For not of any favour of mine, but by the will of our God I came; wherefore praise him forever.

- We all have angels watching over us reporting on us based on our alms, our righteousness, and our prayers and this is how our prayers get answered.

Tobit 12:19-20 (KJV Apocrypha)

19 All these days I did appear unto you; but I did neither eat nor drink, but ye did see a vision.

20 Now therefore give God thanks: for I go up to him that sent me; but write all things which are done in a book.

- As women, we must close our legs and open our bibles so we can know how we are supposed to be treated, how we are supposed to love ourselves, how we are supposed to dress, and how we are supposed to conduct ourselves.
- Each of us should be praying constantly and being patient waiting for a response.



Shalom Sisters! Most High in Christ Bless You All!!!