



Hadassah: More Than Just A Name

Esther 4:14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

What made you choose the name Hadassah?

My lord chose the name Hadassah for me. After three months in the truth, I was in search of a Hebrew name with a spiritual meaning. I went to my lord with several names that I liked. However, the following Sabbath he had me stand up in front of the congregation and he introduced me as Hadassah. I remember the sisters getting so excited, smiling and clapping saying congratulations sis! I was so surprised you would have thought I won an award. This was one of the best spiritual experiences that I have had in the truth.

Is it important to you to uphold certain standards with your name? Do you feel like you do so?

I absolutely feel like I have to uphold a certain standard. The name Hadassah means myrtle tree, which symbolizes the righteous. To me, Hadassah is a spiritual and powerful name. She was a queen set in place by the Most High to help her people while they were in captivity. She was a great example, carried herself well, eloquent in her speech, respectful, obeyed her elders and in the right place at the right time. I strive daily to uphold those standards.

What is something you take from the history of Hadassah?

Something I take from the history of Hadassah is that there is a time and place for everything. The Most High has each of us here for such a time as this. We must be patient, attentive, and stay in the spirit.

What way(s) do you or don't you want to be like Hadassah?

I admire the fact that she was for her people, humble, accepted correction and feared the Most High.

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