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Haman’s Plan to Annihilate All the Jews 3: 7-15



Everyone loves a great adventure story, and **Esther** is one of the best. Unfortunately, **her** story has all the ingredients of a fairy tale and often gets treated like one – part Cinderella, part Beauty and the Beast. A beautiful maiden comes out of obscurity to win **the king’s** heart and become his bride. **The king** falls under the spell of an evil villain, but is freed by the courageous resourcefulness of his enchanting queen, as he bends to **her** wise influence. Perhaps it is our longing for the “happy ever after” in our own stories that leaves us clinging to fairy-tale interpretations of the Bible. But **Esther’s** story wasn’t a fairy tale. It was, in reality, much closer to a nightmare.[41]