

GLOW UP AND GROW UP SO WE CAN GO UP!  
“HOW ESTHER GOT HER GROOVE BACK”

Esther 2:5 At that time there was a Jewish man in the fortress of Susa whose name was Mordecai son of Jair. He was from the tribe of Benjamin and was a descendant of Kish and Shimei.:6 His family had been among those who, with King Jehoiachin of Judah, had been exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar.:7 This man had a very beautiful and lovely young cousin, Hadassah, who was also called Esther. When her father and mother died, Mordecai adopted her into his family and raised her as his own daughter.:8 As a result of the king’s decree, Esther, along with many other young women, was brought to the king’s harem at the fortress of Susa and placed in Hegai’s care.:9 Hegai was very impressed with Esther and treated her kindly. He quickly ordered a special menu for her and provided her with beauty treatments. He also assigned her seven maids specially chosen from the king’s palace, and he moved her and her maids into the best place in the harem.:10 Esther had not told anyone of her nationality and family background, because Mordecai had directed her not to do so.:11 Every day Mordecai would take a walk near the courtyard of the harem to find out about Esther and what was happening to her.:12 Before each young woman was taken to the king’s bed, she was given the prescribed twelve months of beauty treatments—six months with oil of myrrh, followed by six months with special perfumes and ointments.:13 When it was time for her to go to the king’s palace, she was given her choice of whatever clothing or jewelry she wanted to take from the harem.

Esther 4:13 Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: “Don’t think for a moment that because you’re in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed.:14 If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?”:15 Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai:16 “Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die.”:17 So Mordecai went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

## INTRODUCTION

LIFE IS A SERIES OF WINS AND LOSSES. UPS AND DOWNS. EBBS AND FLOWS. AS BELIEVERS THE LORD PROMISES THAT WE ARE ULTIMATE CONQUERORS AND ALL THINGS WORK FOR OUR GOOD

ESTHER - THE STAR.....PRODUCES ITS OWN ENERGY  
WHOEVER MAKES YOU BECOMES YOUR SOURCE...

HADASSAH - MYRTLE TREE THE SYMBOL OF PEACE, LOVE AND PROSPERITY

## GET YOUR GLOW BACK

### 1. CHOSEN FROM THE MASSES

PLEASE KNOW THAT THERE IS PURPOSE

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," says the lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.

### 2. SPECIAL TREATMENT BEFORE PERFORMANCE

GRACE AND FAVOR ARE ON YOU ..... NO PAGEANT REQUIRED!

### 3. CLEANED, CLOTHED AND GLOWING

2 Corinthians 5:17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!<sup>18</sup> And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.  
:21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

## GET YOUR FAVOR WITH THE KING BACK

NOT LOST JUST MISPLACED.....

*Luke 1:28 Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!":29 Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean.:30 "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God!"*

NOTES: ....FIVE WOMEN IN THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS.....TAMAR, RAHAB, RUTH, BATHSHEBA AND MARY

COMMON TRAIT: UNLIKELY

FAVOR IS RESTORED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE KING

*Esther 2:17 And the king loved Esther more than any of the other young women. He was so delighted with her that he set the royal crown on her head and declared her queen instead of Vashti.*

## GET YOUR COURAGE BACK

### 1. CHOSEN FOR THE GREATER GOOD

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### 2. GROWING UP TO LEVERAGE OUR RESOURCES

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POWER OF GOD, PRAYER AND FASTING, COVENANT  
COMMUNITY...SACRIFICED LIFE  
3. COURAGE RESTORES DESTINY

NOTES: HAMAN - NOISY BUNCH.....UNIQUE....MAGNIFICENT

THE NOISE BUILDS YOUR COURAGE

THE NOISE DOESNT CHANGE DESTINY

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THE NOISE CREATES OUR GOING UP CELEBRATION

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Esther 8:11 The king's decree gave the Jews in every city authority to unite to defend their lives. They were allowed to kill, slaughter, and annihilate anyone of any nationality or province who might attack them or their children and wives, and to take the property of their enemies.

Esther 8:14 So urged on by the king's command, the messengers rode out swiftly on fast horses bred for the king's service. The same decree was also proclaimed in the fortress of Susa.

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Esther 8:17 In every province and city, wherever the king's decree arrived, the Jews rejoiced and had a great celebration and declared a public festival and holiday. And many of the people of the land became Jews themselves, for they feared what the Jews might do to them.