

A grayscale landscape of mountains with the text "Advice from MORDECAI" overlaid. The word "Advice" is in a cursive font, "from" is in a smaller cursive font, and "MORDECAI" is in a large, bold, serif font.

Advice from
MORDECAI

Ester 1-7

Big Moments of Faith

**Northern Israel-
Falls in 720 BC to the Assyrians**

**Southern Israel (Judah)-
Falls in 586 BC to the
Babylonians**

90 Years Later

**The book of Esther takes place
but now under Persian rule.**

Esther 1:10-12

On the seventh day, when King Xerxes was in high spirits from wine, he commanded seven eunuchs who served him- to bring before him Queen Vashti, wearing her royal crown, in order to display her beauty to the people and the nobles, for she was lovely to look at.

But when the attendants delivered the king's command, Queen Vashti refused to come. Then the king became furious and burned with anger.

Esther 2:17-18

The King was attracted to Esther more than any of the other women, and she won his favor and approval more than any of the other virgins.

So he set a royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.

And the King gave a great banquet, Esther's banquet, for all his nobles and officials. He proclaimed a holiday throughout the provinces and distributed gifts with royal liberality.

Esther 3:5-6

When Haman saw that Mordecai would not kneel down or pay him honor, he was enraged. Yet having learned who Mordecai's people were, he scorned the idea of killing only Mordecai. Instead Haman looked for a way to destroy all Mordecai's people, the Jews throughout the whole kingdom of Xerxes.

Esther 4:13-14

“Do not think that because you are in the king’s house that you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish.”

**“And who knows but
that you have come
to your royal position
for such a time as
this?”**

Esther 4:16

“Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me.

Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.”

**1. There is a time to
stay silent and a time
to speak.**

Proverbs 13:3

Those who guard their lips
preserve their lives, but those who
speak rashly will come to ruin.

Proverbs 29:20

Do you see someone who speaks
in haste? There is more hope for a
fool than for them.

Proverbs 15:28

**The heart of the
righteous weighs its
answers, but the
mouth of the wicked
gushes evil.**

Colossians 4:6

Let your conversations
be always full of grace,
seasoned with salt, so
that you may know
how to answer
everyone.

**2. We all need Godly
counsel.**

Proverbs 12:15

The way of the fool is
right in his own eyes,
but a wise man
listens to advice.

**Who do you have in your
life that fills that role?**

**Who is able to speak
Godly wisdom into your life
or hold you accountable if
you need it?**

James 3:17

But the wisdom from
above is first pure,
then peaceable, gentle,
open to reason, full of
mercy and good fruits,
impartial and sincere.

**3. God can and will
put you in specific
places where He
wants you to be.**

Isaiah 55:8-9

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.

“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

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