

# ESTHER



# THE MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE 4-6TH CENTURY B.C.

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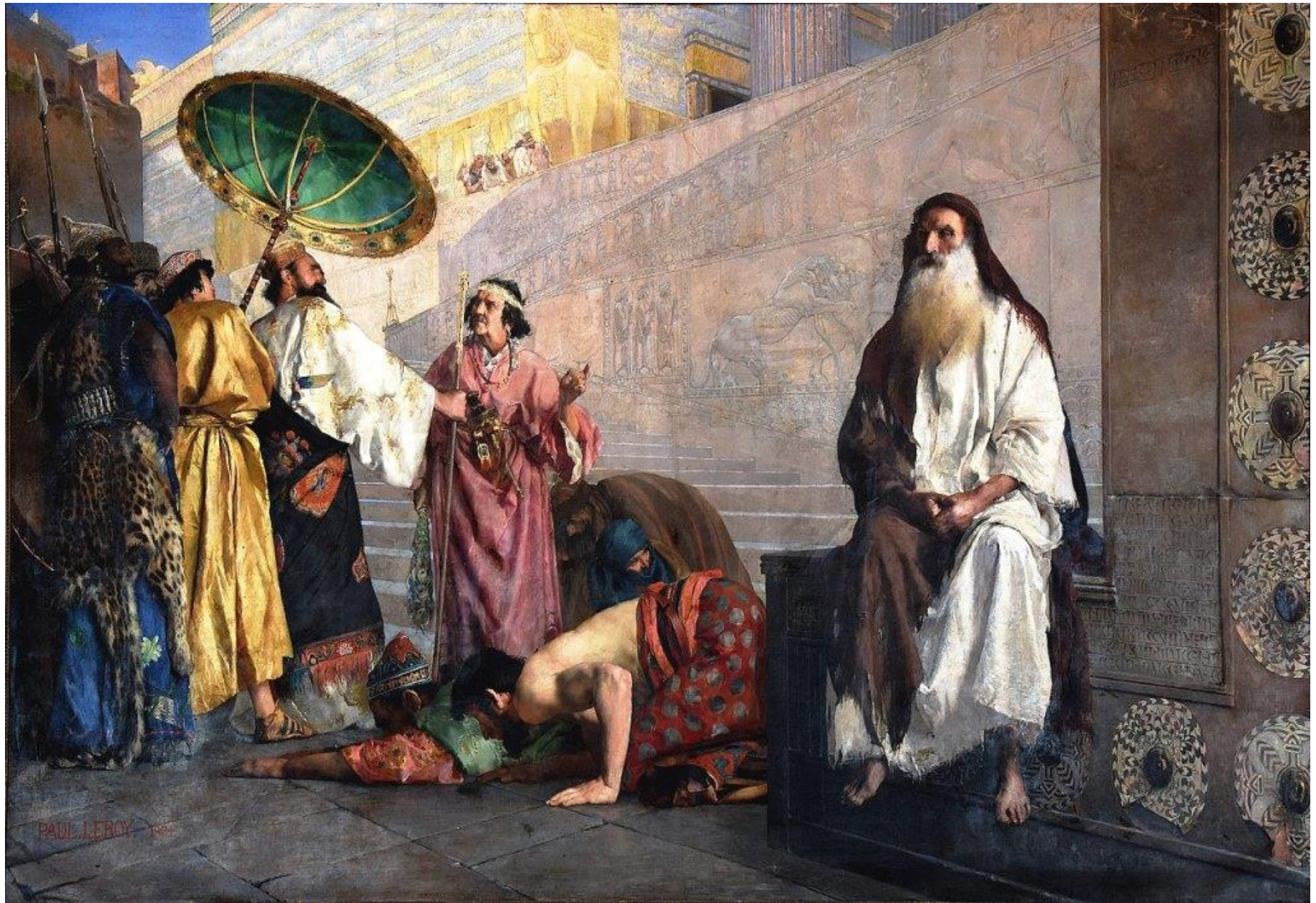
**King Ahasuerus (King Xerxes 1)  
reigned 486BC-465BC**



**King Ahasuerus (Xerxes 1) dethrones Queen Vashti (Amestris)**



**King Xerxes 1 crowns Esther (Hadassah) as his new queen**



**Mordecai refuses to bow to Haman**



**Haman misleads King Ahasuerus (Xerxes 1)**



**Esther talks with Mordecai through the messenger Hathach**



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**Esther 5**  
**It looks like Esther loses her nerve.**

**Salvation – eternal destiny in His hand,  
salvation in Jesus Christ.**

**Christian life – our life in His hands while  
on earth.**

**Found favor – God's providence working in their lives**

**Prov. 21:1 - The heart of the king is in the hand of the Lord. He turns it the way He wants.**

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**A Banquet**

**The King and Haman**



**Esther's banquet**

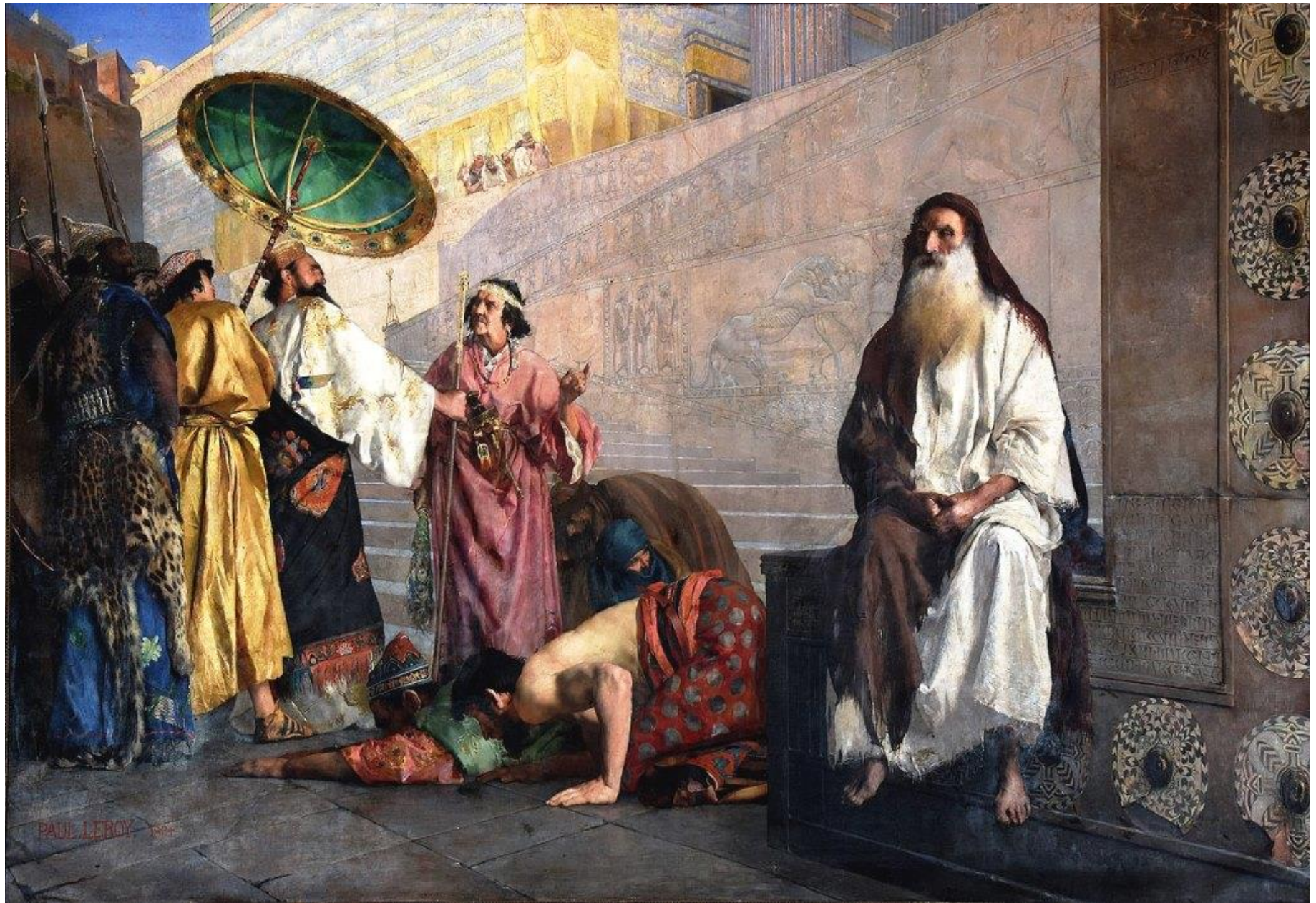
**The King and Haman “tomorrow”**

**She wants them to come again to  
another banquet.**

## **So, was Queen Esther?**

- 1. Afraid**
- 2. Her plan – Build his curiosity?**
- 3. God's timing – God is working**





**Mordecai still refuses to bow to Haman**

**1. Riches**

**2. Children – 10 sons**

**3. Position – Magnified by the king**

**1. Person - We are created in the image of God.**

**2. Relationship with God –**

**By faith in Jesus Christ we have a relationship with God.**

## Application

- 1. How can we approach God?**
- 2. Realize the providence of God.**
- 3. The issue of pride and self-image.**