

Chapter two

After a while, Achashverosh grew lonely and decided to find a new queen. The most beautiful maidens from each province were brought to the capitol, Shushan. Now, in Shushan lived a Jewish man named Mordechai. Mordechai had raised his cousin, Esther, since her parents died. She was brought before the king, who thought that she was so beautiful, he immediately placed the crown on her head as his queen. Mordechai urged her to keep her ancestry hidden, so she never told King Achashverosh that she was Jewish.

Later, Mordechai overheard a plot to assassinate King Achashverosh. He told Esther, who told the king, making sure to give Mordechai the credit for saving his life. The traitors were punished, but the story was written in the Book of Chronicles and then forgotten.