

The Story of Esther

Because Queen Vashti would not obey King Xerxes
he made her leave...

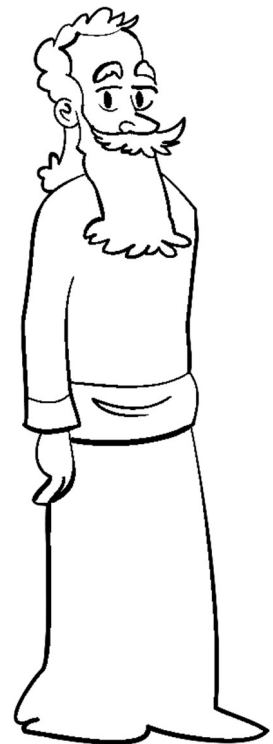
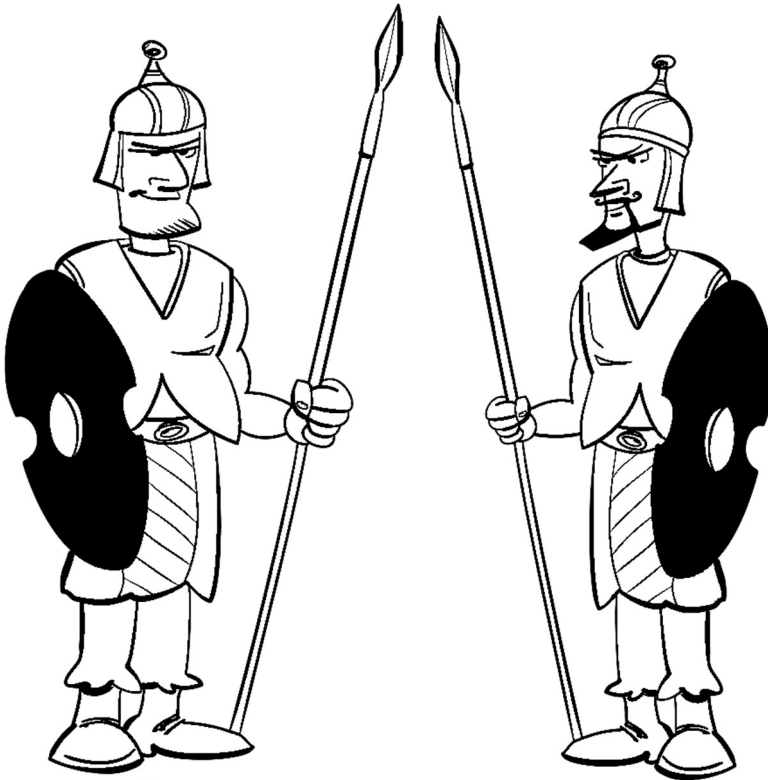


...and he married
Esther who was one
of God's people.

Esther 1:1-4:17



God was working to get Esther into the right place
for the important job of rescuing his people.



Two guards plotted against the King but Esther's uncle Mordecai overheard and
saved the King's life. (Esther 2:19-23)



Haman, the most powerful person except the King, hated the Jews. He persuades the King to order that all the Jews be killed. Esther 3



Esther invited the King to a banquet. She begged him to have mercy on her and all God's people so they would not be killed by Haman's evil plan. (Esther 5:1-7:10)



When the King remembered how Mordecai had saved his life, he asked Haman to lead him through the streets on the king's horse in honour. Later Haman was killed on a pole for trying to kill God's people. Haman had hoped the opposite would happen: that he would be honoured and Mordecai would be killed. Esther 5:9 - 7:10



The King's order to attack the Jews could not be overturned. But a new order allowed the Jews to defend themselves. The Jews defeated their enemies and celebrated. (Esther 8-10)