

Chapter Five

Queen For A Day

Esther 2:1-23

How long does it take you to get over your anger? A day? A week? A month? Since we've never met; would I be wrong to group you in the large number of people who are harboring grudges and ill will for more than a year? Let's face it, I might not know you, but The Saviour *does*. He knows His own, and will be The One to correct those sheep abiding *too long* in anger. (John 10:14)

Even though harboring anger, for a long time, might not be recommended (Ephesians 4:26b), the Scripture seems to sanction it as a valid attribute. (Matthew 5:22a; Ephesians 4:26a; et al) The immortal words of the shepherd boy gives answer to that sanction. "And David said...Is there not a cause?" (I Samuel 17:29b)

When the enemy defies The King and His Army, like Goliath did with the armies of The Lord, and someone gets angry; are we to stand back and criticize? Isn't that what Eliab did? (I Samuel 17:28) Didn't this eldest son get David's motives wrong?

When Vashti defied Ahasuerus, his response wasn't any different than that of Jesse's son. There *was* "...a cause..." that swiftly brought on the King's anger and wrath. What should *our* proper response be to that anger? Should we denounce him, or have contempt? Can we accuse the King of having an inordinate anger? With your permission, I'll answer that for you. I would say, "NO"! King Ahasuerus only got angry two times in the Book of Esther, and both times it *benefited* his kingdom!

What can we say of The King of Glory? Does He have a right to be angry with those that oppose His Majesty (both the noun *and* the adjective)? He does; if you believe what The Scripture says on this subject. God is Holy, Pure, and Perfect.

“Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity....” Habakkuk 1:13

That being so, when He *does* see evil, it angers Him. A good example of this is when His wife, Israel, sinned against Him. How long do you think His anger against her lasted? Again, we resort to The 1611 Monarch to retrieve this answer.

“For a SMALL MOMENT have I forsaken thee...In a little wrath I hid my face from thee FOR A MOMENT....”
Isaiah 54:7 to 8

According to the Lord Himself, His anger lasted just a little *moment*. Thus far, that moment has lasted for at least *twenty-five hundred years!* (Jeremiah 22:30) The Scripture doesn't say *how long* Ahasuerus' anger lasted, only that it was appeased.

“After these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was appeased, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her.” Esther 2:1

Won't it be wonderful, when THE KING'S wrath against His wife is appeased? She will join Him, THE SECOND TIME, to be His Queen. Interestingly, that will be the SAME time the first two fallen ones will be allowed to re-enter the Kingdom. We call it The Kingdom of Heaven. Before they sinned; they knew it as Paradise. Didn't Isaiah say, “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them...”? (Isaiah 11:5) Do you realize when Adam's

curse is lifted, and mankind AGAIN enjoys Paradise, that his NEW federal head will be A PERFECT MAN? This man, will POSSESS the "...image..." and "...likeness..." of God that Adam LOST through sin. (Genesis 1:26)

One Day the *whole* earth will return to the Paradise it once only claimed in Eden. Didn't Isaiah say, "*Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the MYRTLE tree...*"? (Isaiah 55:13) In other words, instead of a curse (thorns and briars), fir and myrtle trees will COME UP! That's exactly what is going on in our story. The thorn and brier world that Vashti lived in was traded for MYRTLE. Hadassah means *Myrtle!* (Esther 2:7) Something happened between Esther chapter one and Esther chapter two. A RESURRECTION!!! The King gets rid of Vashti, who represents the fallen flesh, so that he might gain "...another that is *better* than she." (Esther 1:19) That other is Hadassah-*Myrtle*, THE JEW. Something about Myrtle was BETTER than Vashti. Myrtle had the kind of heart the Jews will have after they are resurrected to go into The Millennium with their newfound Messiah. Ezekiel saw this in his vision of dry bones:

"And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, And shall put MY SPIRIT in you, and ye shall live, and I will place you IN YOUR OWN LAND...." Ezekiel 37:13-14a

A resurrected body is no good, without a change. God desires to place His Spirit *inside* that recovered body; changing both their mind and their heart.

"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws in their MIND, and write them in their HEARTS: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people...." Hebrews 8:10

"And I will give them an HEART to know me...for they shall return unto me with the WHOLE HEART." Jeremiah 24:7

"A NEW HEART also will I give you, and a NEW SPIRIT will I put within you...And I will put MY SPIRIT within you, and cause you to *walk* in my statutes..." (THAT'S ESTHER. SHE WALKS IN GOD'S STATUTES, and keeps His...) **"...judgments...."** Ezekiel 36:26 to 27

I want you notice with me, the *kind* of heart The Lord is referring to, is the kind Adam and Eve LOST in the Garden. Jeremiah makes an interesting comment here:

"CIRCUMCISE yourselves to the Lord, take away the foreskins OF YOUR HEART, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem...." Jeremiah 4:4; also see Deuteronomy 30:6

What did Jeremiah mean when he said, "Circumcise...the foreskin of your *heart*..."? To answer that question; we should first find out what this sign represents to a Jew. The *outward* sign of circumcision is supposed to represent *a change*. Do you remember what happened the DAY Abram received this sign from The Lord? His name, home, and destiny changes. Yet not EVERYTHING changed when Abram circumcised himself. (Genesis 17:11) His HEART did not change!

The sign that Abraham bore had another meaning. This meaning wouldn't be realized for the next two thousand years. It said one day a Saviour would be born *through* Abraham's seed. That promise was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. As an eight-day-old baby, this long awaited Saviour received the sign that was originally given to Abraham. (Luke 2:21) By the way... *Didn't Jesus come to bring a change?!* (Hebrews 7:11 and 12)

From Adam to the time of the Saviour, man was enslaved to his sinful flesh. No matter how hard he tried, man could not change his sinful heart. One thing however could: THE seed of Abraham, "...which is Christ...!" (Galatians 3:16) Christ has THE POWER to change a man's heart. He came to SET THE CAPTIVES FREE. Therefore, circumcision is no longer necessary to Salvation. The promise that was perpetuated from Abram to Christ, *through* circumcision, was fulfilled the DAY Christ died for our sins. (Acts chapter 15) Those placed into the body of Christ through the act of regeneration (Titus 3:5), possess a NEW heart. In II Corinthians 5:17, The Apostle Paul called us NEW creatures, because we have a new NATURE. He also said:

"For in Christ Jesus neither..." [physical] **"...circumcision availeth anything, nor..."** [physical] **"...uncircumcision, BUT a NEW creature."** Galatians 6:15

Each NEW birth *creates* a NEW creature. (Ephesians 2:10 and Colossians 3:10) This CREATURE'S HEART IS CHANGED by spiritual surgery performed by The Holy Ghost. (Colossians 2:11-13) That's why the *new birth* is so necessary. IT CHANGES A MAN'S HEART! Like the first birth, physical circumcision has nothing to do with changing a man's heart, but the "...circumcision made without hands..." does! (Colossians 2:10)

I wonder how much Esther looked like Vashti? They were BOTH beautiful OUTWARDLY, *in the flesh*, but ESTHER is BOTH beautiful, *inside and out!!* The King gets rid of the first Queen, but SOON looks for a replacement. He knew there was something wrong with Vashti, but couldn't quite put his finger on it. Was it an outward flaw or blemish, or was it something inside? Perhaps she had an uncircumcised Gentile heart that needed an operation?

Thank God the King's wrath doesn't last forever. (Psalms 103:9b, Micah 7:18b) It *does* have an end. (Esther 2:1) Banishing Vashti from the kingdom solved only one problem. It got rid of the stubborn flesh. Now a bigger problem was evident. His decree guaranteed his solitude. He was QueenLESS, and sadly ALONE. From Esther 1:19 to Esther 2:17; there was no beautiful Queen to sit beside him. If you think about it, that's a picture of the Body of Christ. Jehovah's Queen is banished. One day she will get a *new* heart to sit royally beside her Husband, The King. Today though, *Spiritual* Israel will have to do. (I Peter 2:5) We get to sit in her place during the "small moment" Isaiah spoke about. (Romans chapter 11)

"Matchmaker, Matchmaker Make Me A Match"¹

King Ahasuerus was better off without Vashti, but he was still ALONE. He was alone and he was LONELY! In an effort to help their King, his servants quickly concocted the

¹ Matchmaker, Matchmaker Make Me A Match, is a song from the Broadway play, *Fiddler on the Roof*.

idea of starting a beauty contest.² A NEW Queen would solve this problem. The most beautiful virgins in the kingdom would be brought before the King, so that he might choose a REPLACEMENT for Vashti. (See 2:4) The King seemed to take to the idea.

How close of a mirror image should this NEW Queen be to Vashti? What do *you* think? Before you dismiss this question as something irrelevant or absurd, may I bring a few things to your attention? When Queen Vashti was deposed from her royal place beside the King and banished from the kingdom; do you suppose she took her royal wardrobe with her? What about her royal crown? Did she pack it in her luggage, when the seven chamberlains weren't looking? What are your thoughts about all this? Did she even *have* luggage to take? When Vashti was BANISHED from the kingdom, I believe she was lucky to get out with the very clothes on her back! Job's words are very fitting here. He said, "...I am escaped *with the skin of my teeth*." (Job 19:20)

Vashti was gone. "...Her royal ESTATE..." was left for "...another that is better than she." (Esther 1:19b) Would the consequence of that become the Cinderella story all over again?! Would a NEW Queen have to FIT *into* Vashti's OLD clothes? Didn't Cinderella get the *original* garments back?

With all the existing "...royal apparel..." (Esther 5:1); should a *new* wardrobe be ordered for a *different* Queen? What if the royal crown didn't fit? Would someone have to *stretch* it; to make it fit her royal head? The obvious and practical answer to all this is NO!

Do you remember me saying, King Ahasuerus thought Vashti's flesh was "exquisite"? That makes me wonder what kind of flesh he would want the *new* Queen to have. Surely, it wouldn't be inferior to Vashti's. Don't forget; there was a time when even Vashti was chosen *over* other women. Since Vashti was chosen for her *outer* beauty and perfection, it's safe to say the next Queen's beauty would certainly have to *fill* the former Queen's "glass slipper."

Losing Vashti gave this King a painful experience, but it also made him a little *wiser*. It certainly prompted him to look harder and closer at a prospective candidate for Queen. Without question, the next incumbent had to possess a beauty not found in Vashti. *Inner* beauty! The search was on. (Esther 2:2 to 15) This time around, he required a virgin that was both beautiful in body *and* in soul.

We can say that the King was looking for a match for HIMSELF, or, we can also say, the King was looking for a match for VASHTI. He was looking for someone that

² The Associated Press [Samson Mulugeta, Newsday] reported Saturday, November 23, 2002 that "...rampaging mobs torched cars and attacked passers-by in a third day of violence that left more than 100 people dead. ...At least 13 charred bodies littered the streets...fighting... with...rocks, machetes and axes..." What spurred these riots? Of all things, A Beauty Pageant! "Scores die in Nigerian mob fights..." Why? Because some "...Muslims [were] angered by a newspaper article they believed insulted the prophet Muhammad by linking him with the beauty queens. ...In the Nov. 16 issue of *ThisDay*, a Lagos-based national daily, reporter Isioma Daniel wrote that anti-pageant Muslims were overreacting and speculated how the prophet Muhammad might have reacted to the beauty contestants. 'What would Muhammad think?' he wrote. 'In all honesty, he would probably have chosen a wife from one of them.'" That's what I think, too! I say, what that reporter said. Muhammad, "...would probably have chosen a wife from one of them." Remember; Muhammad was from seventh century modern day Persia-IRAN. He would have done well to follow in this great leader's [Ahasuerus'] footsteps, twenty generations earlier! "...And the thing *PLEASED* the king..."! (Esther 2:4b)

matched her size, her shape, and her outward beauty. If the woman he picked the SECOND time looked *worse* than Vashti-his first pick; what would all the people in the kingdom say about this King? He would never live that down! The SECOND pick *had to be better* than the FIRST!

Did you ever stop to think how Adam and Eve looked *just after* they sinned? I believe they looked *very similar* to the way they looked *before* the fall, yet dastardly different somehow. If you had opportunity to view them before and after they ate off that terrible tree, perhaps *outwardly* they would have looked the SAME!

If you've ever read Romans chapter five, you know that Saint Paul compares Adam to Christ and Christ to Adam many times. He does this again in First Corinthians fifteen.

“And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam...”
[Christ] **“...was made a quickening spirit.”** I Corinthians 15:45

In the next verse he goes on to say: “...that is NOT *first* which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and *AFTERWARD* that which is spiritual.” In other words, Adam was a natural man, but Christ, the SECOND man, is *spiritual*. Verse forty-seven says, “The *first* man is of the earth, earthy: the SECOND man is the Lord from heaven.” Even though, in one respect, Christ looked like Adam, in another respect, He was very different! What Adam lacked; Christ achieved. Where Adam failed; Christ was victorious. What Adam lost; Christ regained. Truly, the SECOND MAN is BETTER than the first. Isn't that what the King was looking to accomplish in the beauty contest? Doesn't he want to marry someone that is “...*better* than...” Vashti?! (Esther 1:19)

In Genesis 22, Abraham offers up “...his only begotten son...”, Isaac. (Hebrews 11:17) When Abraham receives him back from the dead³, do you know who he looked like? He was very similar to the young lad his father had just bound, only different somehow. The Scripture says in Hebrews 11:19, “...that God was able to *raise him up*, even from the dead...” The very next time you see him, his father is sending his servant out to get him a bride from his kindred. (Genesis chapter 24) By the way, after the resurrection of God's “...only begotten son...” (John 3:16), the next time *He* is seen, His Father is sending His Spirit out to find *Him* a bride, too. (Revelation 22:17)

When The Father received Him back from the dead; do you know who Jesus looked like? The first one to discover the empty sepulchre had that answer. Mary Magdalene called Jesus “...Rabboni; which is to say, Master.” (John 20:16) She knew He looked like He did *before* the resurrection, only different somehow. Now He was her *RISEN* Lord! (Verse 20)

When our Lord called out to “...loose...” the grave clothes from off of Lazarus' body and the napkin that covered his face; I wonder who he looked like? (John 11:44) He looked like he did four days earlier, only different somehow. Martha knew her own brother, who sat near Jesus at the table, *didn't she?* (John 12:1-2)

Isn't Moses the one who had power to turn water into blood, and “...smite the earth with...plagues...”?? (Revelation 11:6) Will it be possible to recognize him, thirty-five hundred years after his death? Scripture (the personification of God-Romans 9:17a), seems to think so.

³ Obviously, Isaac didn't die. But as far as Abraham was concerned, his son was “...as good as dead...” (Expression-Hebrews 11:12a) *already*. Remember; this was the “...*third* day...” (Genesis 22:4; Luke 24:7)-resurrection day-and a resurrection necessitates a *death*! Therefore, *in type*, Isaac died-picturing the death of the Lamb of God, *at the hands of His Father*. (Isaiah 53:4, 6, and 10) Please study, Genesis 22:2 and 10, and Hebrews 11:17 to 19.

He will have the same characteristics he had when he was here the *first* time, only different somehow.

What about Jehovah's wife? When she is resurrected; how will she look? Won't she look like "...LIFE *from* the dead..."? (Romans 11:15 in context!!!) Didn't Ahasuerus think the same thing; the first time he gazed into Esther's eyes? Didn't he think "...life...", ESTHER, "...from the dead...", VASHTI?!

He couldn't say why, but something about this contestant seemed familiar. Then he realized; she reminded him of his FIRST love, only *BETTER*. "It seems like her beauty sparkles brighter and brighter," he thought, "each time I ask her a new question." Even though this was their first meeting, Ahasuerus had no reservations about making Esther his second royal Queen! (Esther 2:17)

Do you remember me saying that Hadassah means Myrtle, the *resurrected* tree? Do you know what Esther means? *Star*! Do you know who Ahasuerus picked, to sit beside him, as his *new* Queen? *A resurrected star*!

May I point out Another *Resurrected One*, whose star was "...seen...in the east..." (Matthew 2:2), where our story takes place? This "...bright and morning *star*..." (Revelation 22:16, Numbers 24:17) came to give us victory! (I Corinthians 15:57) He is seated next to The King; at "...the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens...." (Hebrews 8:1) Who is He? *THE Resurrected Star*!!

"Oh the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" Romans 11:33

SECOND to None

Resurrection is not just limited to men. God, "...According to his promise..." has reserved a resurrection for the heavens and the Earth. He called them the NEW heavens and NEW earth. (II Peter 3:13) Wait, there's more!!! Didn't the resurrection of Jesus Christ bring us a better covenant built on better promises? Don't we call that the NEW Covenant, or the NEW Testament? Aren't we NEW Creatures in Christ? Don't we call our home NEW Jerusalem? (Revelation 21:2) Doesn't the NEW man inside us cry out, "Abba, Father"; so that we might receive the inheritance of our NEW Home? (Galatians 4:6 and 7)

We see by the above examples that a RESURRECTION brings something better than the original. Isn't that what happened with Enoch? Wasn't he "...*translated* that he should not see death..."? (Hebrews 11:5) Wasn't his SECOND location *BETTER* than the first? He went to heaven "...because God had *translated* him: for before his *translation* he had this testimony, that he pleased God." (Ibid.) That's what Esther did. She pleased the King. "And the king loved Esther above all women, and she obtained grace and FAVOUR in his sight...." (Esther 2:17) Isn't that what happened to us, when we were saved? Didn't The King love us, and take us in; when He "...*translated* us into the kingdom of his dear son..."? (Colossians 1:13) Don't we Bible Believers say that the King James *Translation* is better than the original? Hasn't it been *translated* one time from the Hebrew and Greek into the ENGLISH? Doesn't God say it is "...purified seven times..." and preserved "...for ever..."? (Psalms 12:6 and 7) Isn't God's SECOND *version* of His wife better than the first? And finally, isn't the SECOND *version* of the Queen's HEART better than the first?!!!

The translation is always better than the original. (See, II Samuel 3:10) The fruit of the resurrection is always an *improvement* of what lay before. One day you and I will be IMPROVED.

“...As we have borne the image of the *earthy*, we SHALL bear the image of the *heavenly*.” I Corinthians 15: 49

That’s good news to you and me! That’s our Blessed Hope!!

“Beloved, now are we the sons of God, AND IT DOTH NOT YET APPEAR WHAT WE SHALL BE, but we know that, when he shall appear, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM; for we shall see him as he is.” I John 3:2

We may look like Adam today, but Hallelujah, we SHALL look like JESUS TOMORROW!!!!!!! At that time, we will be privileged to rule and reign *with* our resurrected Saviour for a period of one thousand years. (Revelation chapter 20) Saint Peter said, “...that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as a day.” (II Peter 3:8b) “...We know when he shall appear, we shall be...” Christ’s, “Queen for a day”!

When Jesus told the Scribes and Pharisees, “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: *and he saw it*, and was glad...” (John 8:56), I wonder what DAY He was referring to? If you were Abraham, what future day would you rejoice to see? Wouldn’t it be RESURRECTION DAY?! How did Abraham see the resurrection of Jesus, nineteen hundred years before his birth? The simple answer is, through the resurrection of his *own* son. (Genesis chapter 22)

If you remember, something about Jesus’ flesh changed, after His resurrection. “He took...a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb...and did eat before them...” *And yet He could also walk through a wall!* (Luke 24:42 and 43; John 20:19) Jehovah’s wife will also experience a metamorphosis. After her old flesh is removed [Vashti], she gets a new heart and resurrects into a NEW beautiful Queen [Esther]. Esther’s flesh pictures RESURRECTED flesh.

Something about this new Queen is different! That’s why King Ahasuerus accepts her right away. In type, her old flesh is cut away; she gets a new heart, and gets a *similar* BUT *different* body. This is how the Jew will look in the Millennium. Ezekiel spoke about this, in chapter thirty-seven of his Book. When “...the whole house of Israel...” (vs. 11) is resurrected, they will go back into their own land to “...sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the Kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 8:11) A problem arises here. The full type can’t be completed with the *natural* Jew. The Jews’ flesh doesn’t *literally* change, but ours does! At The Resurrection of the Church, “...this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.” (I Corinthians 15:53) At *our* resurrection, a *literal* change will happen to our bodies! That’s why we can make *spiritual application* to our story, relating to the Kingdom of God.

When I See the Blood

Abraham *saw* the resurrection of his only begotten son, after he received him back from the dead. The knife Abraham “...took...to slay his son...” (Genesis 22:10), was most likely the

SAME one used years earlier to circumcise his gentle baby's foreskin. (Genesis 21:4) Abraham was about to CUT his son's flesh for THE *SECOND* TIME, when God stopped him. (Genesis 22:10-Notice this is a NEW chapter.) The Lord has a very important lesson to teach us from this. Man's blood was *not acceptable* to make a covenant with GOD. Maybe that's why Adam's blood wasn't shed in the Garden. It was now tainted with sin. Shedding Adam's blood would not be efficacious: It couldn't do anything to take away sin. Even if God let Adam shed *his* blood to redeem his race, who would replenish it? Could Eve reproduce *alone*?

Abraham's knife stopped short of sacrificing Isaac, because Isaac was a SINNER. We learn an important lesson here. Abraham just witnessed his son's resurrection. He knew, nothing less than BLOOD, would be accepted by God, as replacement for his resurrected son. Since he *already* received him back from the dead; where would he get blood to put "...on the wood for a burnt offering..."? (Genesis 22:3) *He heard a rustling in the bushes.* Was this the answer to all the prayers he prayed before dawn? Abraham looked up and saw a familiar ANIMAL. His mind suddenly raced back to a time, many years before his boys were born. He remembered using his knife to CUT into that species, once before. (Genesis 15:9) It was "...a RAM caught in a thicket by his horns...." (Genesis 22:13)

Abraham knew what to do with this sacrifice-in-waiting. His great-grandfather, ten generations back, named "...Noah builded an altar unto the Lord..and offered burnt-offerings on..." it. (Genesis 8:20) So Abraham "...offered him up for a burnt-offering INSTEAD OF *his son.*" (Genesis 22:13) Yes, Abraham learned a very important lesson that day. He learned; blood is needed, to produce a resurrection. [Notice, even though Abraham set up many altars for the Lord (Genesis 12:7-8; 13:4 and 18), this is the FIRST time Scripture *records* him offering blood on one. (Genesis 22:9 and 13)]

God picks an innocent animal *instead of* Isaac. Is that why we are allowed to eat the sacrificial animal, but commanded NOT to drink its BLOOD⁴? Could sacrificial blood be reserved for GOD ALONE?!

If man's sinful blood is not acceptable to produce a resurrection, what is? *SINLESS* blood! Since none was available from Adam to Jesus, God does the next best thing. He accepted blood from innocent, unblemished *animals*! These animals were also sinless! No animal *purposely* sins against its Creator, but *we do*. This animal pictured the future work of redemption that "The Lamb of God" would complete one day, on Calvary.

Abraham learned another valuable lesson that day. He learned; shedding blood produces a better covenant. (Genesis 22:15 to 18) This covenant was better than the one he previously held with The Lord. He knew this was serious business, because it produced BETTER results. He received two *right away*: The resurrection of his son, and possession of a bigger blessing.

Do you know what happens when you circumcise the flesh? Blood FLOWS! Do you know what happened when Jesus was crucified? BLOOD FLOWED! He bled and died; that a TRANSFORMATION might happen. His death and shed blood PRODUCED a resurrected body.

Do you know why we have both an OLD Testament and a NEW Testament? The Old is no good without the DEATH of the Testator! (Hebrews 9:16) That's why Christ had to die on a cross. It was necessary that His BLOOD be shed. The Author of Hebrews made that clear when He said, "*THIS* is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you." (Hebrews 9:20) Christ's crucifixion drew holy blood that stained the old rugged cross. Three

⁴ Before, during, and after the law-Genesis 9:4, Leviticus 3:17, Acts 15:20 and 29.

days later a transformation happened: The Resurrection! Like Abraham, Christ's blood established "...a better covenant which..." was built "...upon better promises." (Hebrews 8:6) The proof? THE RESURRECTION!!!

When Esther comes in before the King, he ACCEPTS the change. No longer will he see Vashti. No longer will he be alone. This *resurrected* Queen will suit him just fine!