

## **QUEEN ESTHER BAND**

### **ABOUT QUEEN ESTHER**

Esther is the Jewish queen of the Persian King AHASUERUS (Xerxes). Esther saved her people, the Jews from a plot to eliminate them. A daughter of Abigail (Esther 2:15; 9:29) and a cousin of Mordecai (Esther 2:7:15).

The drunken king Ahasuerus, identified as Xerxes, who reigned between 486 and 486 B.C., asked to see Queen Vashti. She courageously refused the King's call. She was subsequently banished from the palace. Ahasuerus then had "all the beautiful young virgins" (Esther 2:3) of his kingdom brought to his palace to choose Vashti's replacement.

The Scripture records that "the young woman (Esther) was lovely and beautiful" (Esther 2:7). The king loved Esther more than all the other women.

Queen Esther exhibited courageous straits, putting her life and comfort on the line for the deliverance of her race.