

“Playing the Hand, You’re Dealt”

Queen Esther (*Queen of Hearts*)

Scene 1: The **Hang Over**

King Xerxes (*King of Diamonds*) called Xerxes the Great, King of Persia

Queen Vashti (*Queen of Diamonds*)

Esther 2:4b NLT

This advice was very **appealing** to the king, so he put the plan into effect.

Scene 2: The **Bachelor**

Esther 2:12 NLT

Before each young woman was taken to the king’s bed, she was given the prescribed twelve months of beauty treatments—six months with oil of myrrh, followed by six months with special perfumes and ointments.

Esther (*Queen of Hearts*)

Mordecai (*Ace of Spades*)

Esther 2:7 NIV

.... Esther had a lovely figure and was beautiful...

Scene 3: Criminal **Minds**

Mordecai (*Ace of Spades*)

Haman (*The Joker*)

Esther 4:13-14 NLT

Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: “Don’t think for a moment that because you’re in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die.

Who knows if perhaps you were made queen **for just such a time as this?**”

God's Promise to Abraham

Genesis 12:2-3 NLT

I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. **All the families on earth will be blessed through you.**"

Scene 3: Brave Heart

Esther 4:16b NLT

"And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. **If I must die, I must die.**"

If _____, then _____.

If _____, then GOD.

Esther (*Queen of Hearts*)

Esther (*Queen of Hearts*) King Xerxes (*King of Diamonds*) **one slide**

Esther (*Queen of Hearts*) King Xerxes (*King of Diamonds*) Haman (*the Joker*)
one slide

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Esther (*Queen of Hearts*) King Xerxes (*King of Diamonds*) Mordecai (*Ace of Spades*) **one slide**

For such a time as this.