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Assignment 3

The book of Esther is a writing that recounts the events from 493 BC. The story of this book begins with the character of Esther, a Jewish woman who was chosen by the Persian king, King ahasuerus, to be the queen of his empire. But because of her religion he had numerous problems, especially with the Prime Minister of the Persian Empire, Haman. Who conspired to eliminate all Jews from the empire since he did not share their religion. Within this group of Jews, was Mordechai, who was Esther's Uncle.

The queen, upon learning of Haman's plan, decided to go and appear before the king without prior notice, something that at that time could not be done and a death penalty could be used if the King agreed, Esther took the risk and the King understood the situation and surprised by the conspiracy, he ordered to execute Haman. Finally the execution took place and Mordechai took the post of Prime Minister and together with that he promulgated a decree that allows Jews to defend themselves when attacked.

It is without a doubt a very tense story where Esther and Mordechai were clever in using the Persian laws so that the Jews could live in peace in the Persian lands. Also mention the bravery of Esther who presented herself to the King risking her own life.

On the other hand, in the case of Haman, there is nothing to highlight about this character, totally discriminating against the Jews, who were only looking for a safe place to live. Also recognizes his selfishness to share the lands since his only intention was to exterminate the Jews.

In my opinion, the Hero of this story is Esther, who despite all the difficulties of the time managed to avoid a possible massacre, she had the conviction and courage to appear before the king to avoid something important. Also recognize that at the time women were not taken into account, and she made herself heard.

And finally, in my opinion, the appearance of God is when Esther and Mordechai realize Haman's plan, since it generates everything logistically so that the king can know it and in this way be able to maintain and protect the family from which he would come Messiah.