

Bible Story 129

**ESTHER PLEADS
FOR HER PEOPLE**

ESTHER 4:1-17

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"When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry;" **ESTHER 4:1**

"So Esther's maids and her chamberlains came and told *it* her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received *it* not."

ESTHER 4:4

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MEMORY VERSE:

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UNDERLINE THE CORRECT ANSWER:

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 - b. put on sackcloth and ashes
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TRUE OR FALSE:

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TRUE OR FALSE
3. Mordecai sent a copy of the decree "which was given at Shushan, that he might show it to Esther and explain it to her, and that he might command her to go in to the king to make supplication to him and plead before him for her people." ESTHER 4:8
TRUE OR FALSE

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

4. Esther sent back to Mordecai, "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that any man or woman who goes into the inner court to the king, who has not been called, he has but one law: put all to **(BED, DEATH)**, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter, that he may **(LAUGH, LIVE)**." ESTHER 4:11

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

5. "Then Mordecai told them to answer Esther: 'Do not think in your heart that you _____ escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. For if you remain completely silent at _____ time, relief and deliverance _____ arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house _____ perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as _____?' " ESTHER 4:13-14

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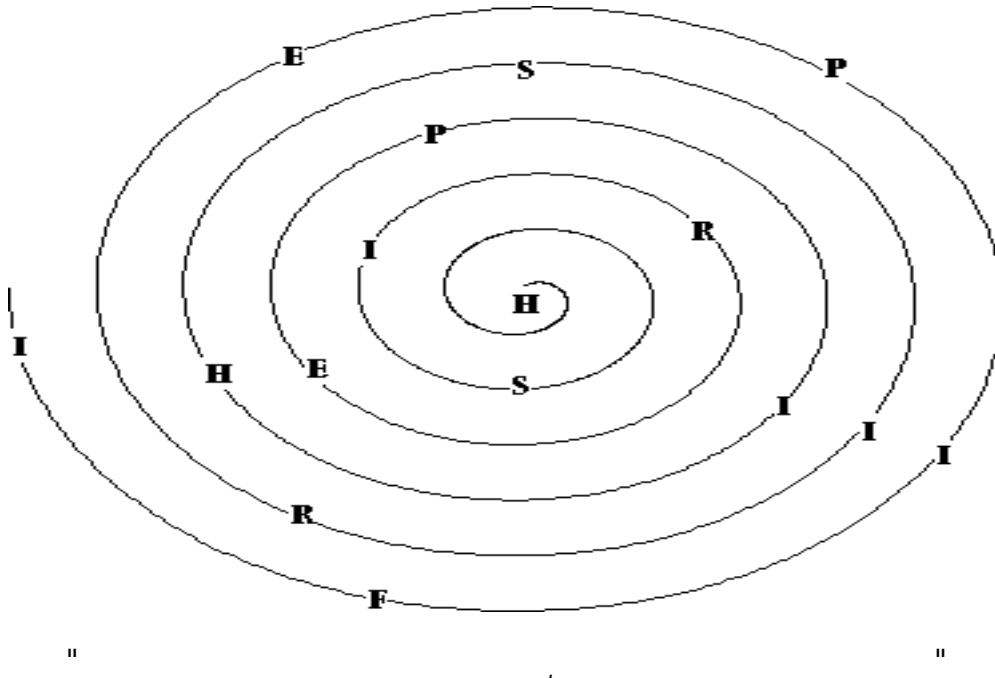
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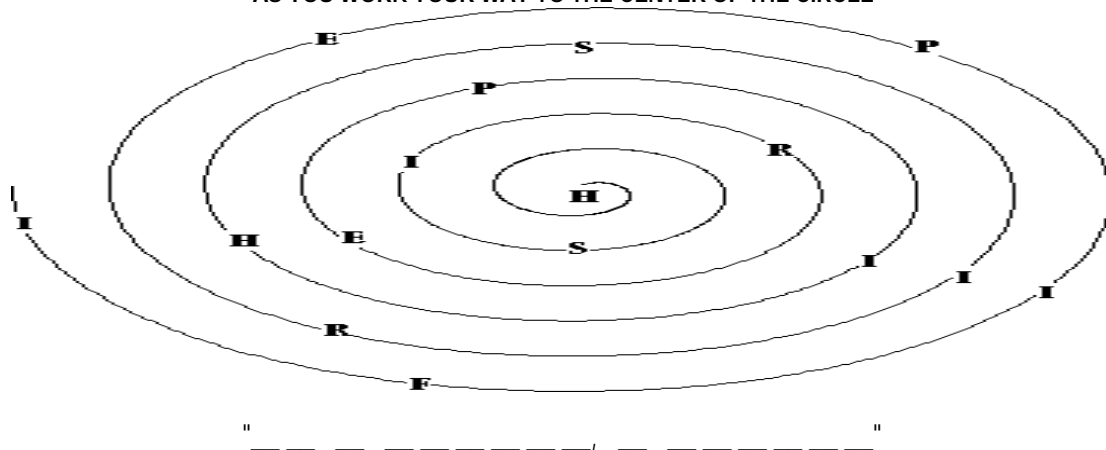
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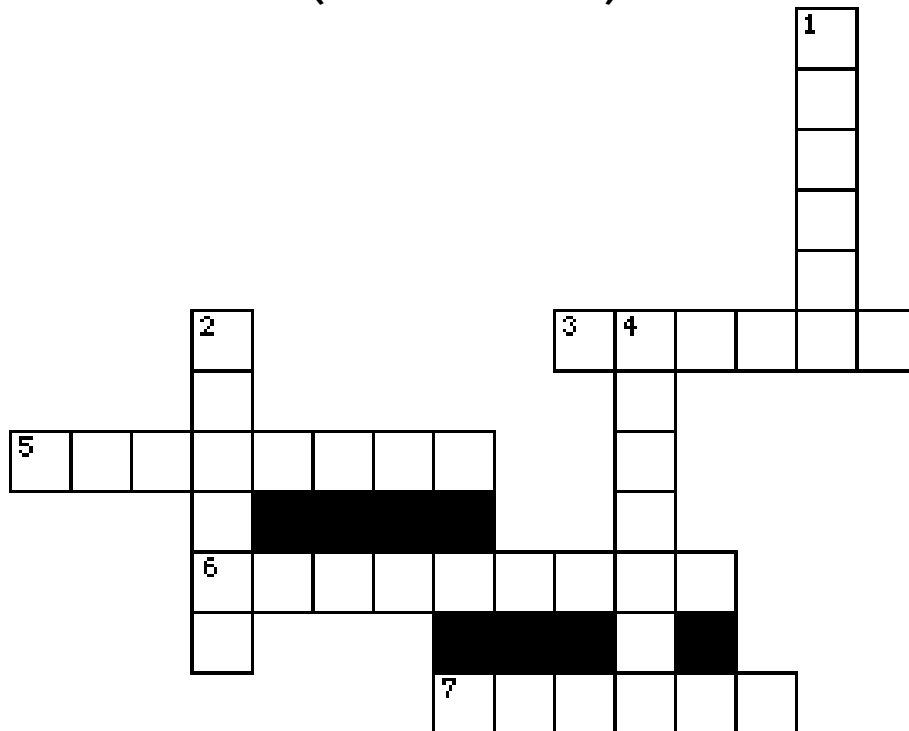
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