

# Chosen for a Purpose

*Esther 2.1-18*

***From rags to riches***

***Myrtle becomes a Star! v7***

## **1. A National Beauty Contest, vs 1-10**

- ***the king needs a wife v1; Gen 2.18***
- ***the global search begins vs2-4***  
***the most beautiful girl in the world***
- ***life in the harem v8***  
***- an adventure, or an ordeal?***  
***a time for trusting God Rom 8.28***
- ***God has made us fit for purpose***  
***Esther: a real beauty! v7***
  - (a) a woman of grace v9;***  
***just like Jesus John 1.14***  
***- fast tracked, short-listed***
  - (b) a woman of discretion v10***  
***a hidden secret Prov 11.22;13.3***

***(c) a teachable spirit v10; 1 P 3.1-5***

## **2. A Concerned Father, vs 5-7,11**

- ***immigrant stock vs 5-6; 2 Ki 24.14;  
royal ancestry***
- ***a caring father v7  
respected for advice v10,20  
desperate for news v11***
- ***trust God for children's welfare***

## **3. A Royal Audience, vs 12-16**

- ***twelve months preparation v12  
rubbed up and polished!***
- ***humble enough to take advice v15  
noticed for her grace Lk 2.52  
Prov 11.16***

## **4. The King's Chosen Bride, 17-18**

- ***a gift from God Prov 19.14;  
his crowning glory Prov 12.4; 31.10***
- ***a picture of Christ and his church  
Eph 5.25-27; Rev 21.2-3***