

AUDITION SCENE:

Queen Esther, who is known as Hadassa finds out that even though she's been hiding king Achashverosh has summoned her to his palace. Hadassa will now need to leave everything she has every known behind.

(Hadassa is sitting on the couch reading when Tamar, her servant, runs into the room.)

TAMAR:

Hadassa!

HADASSA:

Tamar, what's wrong?

TAMAR:

You mean you haven't heard?

HADASSA:

Heard what Tamar?

TAMAR:

There's a rumor going around that they're looking for you, and we both they won't stop until you're found.

HADASSA:

No! It can't be true! Where did you hear this Tamar?

(Mordechai walks over to Hadassa and Tamar from where he was learning across the stage.)

MORDECHAI:

Hadassa, it's true. We knew this day might come, and we must believe it's Hashem's will.

HADASSA:

What are you saying Mordechai?

MORDECHAI:

It's a part of Hashem's plan if you become queen, maybe your mission can only be fulfilled in his palace.

HADASSA:

But what more can I accomplish at the palace, than here?

TAMAR:

You were the one that taught me that everything happens for a reason.

HADASSA:

You're right, it's all in Hashem's hands anyways.

(Tears start to form from Hadassas eyes. She knows this is goodbye.)

MORDECHAI:

This is your destiny, and although Hashem might be hiding reasoning from us, I can sense that there is greatness in your future.

(Hadassa nods.)

I need you to promise me that no matter what, you don't tell anyone who you truly are, and where you come from. No one can know you are a Jew.

When asked your name, say Esther, because it's a Persian name. In Hebrew it comes from the shrosh Seter to keep hidden.

HADASSA:

I promise.