

¹ So the king and Haman went to dine with Queen Esther, ² and as they were drinking wine on that second day, the king again asked, "Queen Esther, what is your petition? It will be given you. What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be granted." ³ Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor with you, O king, and if it pleases your majesty, grant me my life—this is my petition. And spare my people—this is my request. ⁴ For I and my people have been sold for destruction and slaughter and annihilation. If we had merely been sold as male and female slaves, I would have kept quiet, because no such distress would justify disturbing the king."

Write

When appealing to an Authority ALWAYS give them a chance to _____ the subject.

⁵ King Xerxes asked Queen Esther, "Who is he? Where is the man who has dared to do such a thing?" ⁶ Esther said, "The adversary and _____ enemy is this vile Haman." Then Haman was terrified before the king and queen.

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Assumed Word

⁷ The king got up in a rage, left his wine and went out into the palace garden. But Haman, realizing that the king had already decided his fate, stayed behind to beg Queen Esther for his life. ⁸ Just as the king returned from the palace garden to the banquet hall, Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was reclining. The king exclaimed, "Will he even molest the queen while she is with me in the house?" As soon as the word left the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face. ⁹ Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs attending the king, said, "A gallows seventy-five feet high stands by Haman's house. He had it made for Mordecai, who spoke up to help the king." The king said, "Hang him on it!"

Write

Those _____ you ALWAYS know things you don't know.

Esther 8

That same day King Xerxes gave Queen Esther the estate of Haman, the enemy of the Jews. And Mordecai came into the **PRESENCE** of the **KING**, for Esther had told how he was **RELATED** to her. The king took off his **SIGNET RING**, which he had reclaimed from Haman, and presented it to Mordecai. **TRUSTWORTHY**

⁹ At once the royal secretaries were summoned—on the twenty-third day of the **third month**, the month of Sivan. They wrote out all Mordecai's orders to the Jews, and to the satraps, governors and nobles of the 127 provinces stretching from India to Cush.

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The Jews found their _____ !

These orders were written in the script of each province and the language of each people and also to the Jews in their own script and language. ¹⁰ Mordecai wrote in the name of King Xerxes, sealed the dispatches with the king's signet ring, and sent them by mounted couriers, who rode fast horses especially bred for the king. **Write**

The KING is letting people know that He is PERSONALLY _____ in this