As God's secret agent in Persia,

ESTHER was / is ...

"And Mordecai had brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter, for she had neither father nor mother. The young woman was lovely and beautiful. When her father and mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter." (Esther 2:7)

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

(a) beautiful

young Jewess (2:7)

(fill in the blank)

between

(fill in the blank)

a careful

planner (4:14-5:8)

(fill in the blank)

famous for

(fill in the blank)

fasting

and (we assume) praying

(fill in the blank)

hiding

(fill in the blank)

in

(fill in the blank)

in a marriage

(fill in the blank)

in position to

(fill in the blank)

needed

(fill in the blank)

not the only

(fill in the blank)

obedient

to Mordecaí (2:7, 10-11)

(fill in the blank)

probably

(fill in the blank)

providentially

led & protected (2:7-17)

(fill in the blank)

somewhat like

(fill in the blank)

unable to

remain secret / silent

(fill in the blank)

Directions: after reading through the Book of Esther in a good study Bible, describe Esther by filling in the blank lines above using the following suggested answers. — a foreign land (2:5-7), and (we assume) praying (2:15-17), at that time (4:14), help her people (4:14), her bravery (4:16), her Jewish heritage (2:10, 20), Joseph in Egypt, led & protected (2:7-17, 5:2), planner (4:14-5:8), remain secret / silent, stressful (5:1-3), the Jews & Haman, to Mordecai (2:7,10-11), without children (9:32), woman in Esther (1:9, 5:14), and young Jewess (2:7). At the end of the study, discuss the most important descriptive phrases. — © 2022 by Jon F. Mahar, Hakusan City, Japan and Alexander, Maine, U.S.A.