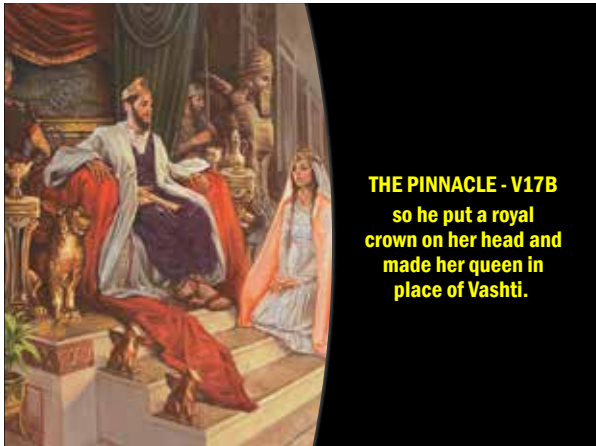




THE PRESENTATION - V16-17A

So Esther was taken to King Xerxes in the royal palace in the tenth month, the month of Tebeth, during Xerxes' seventh year as king. And the king was pleased with Esther more than with any of the other virgins. He liked her more than any of the others,

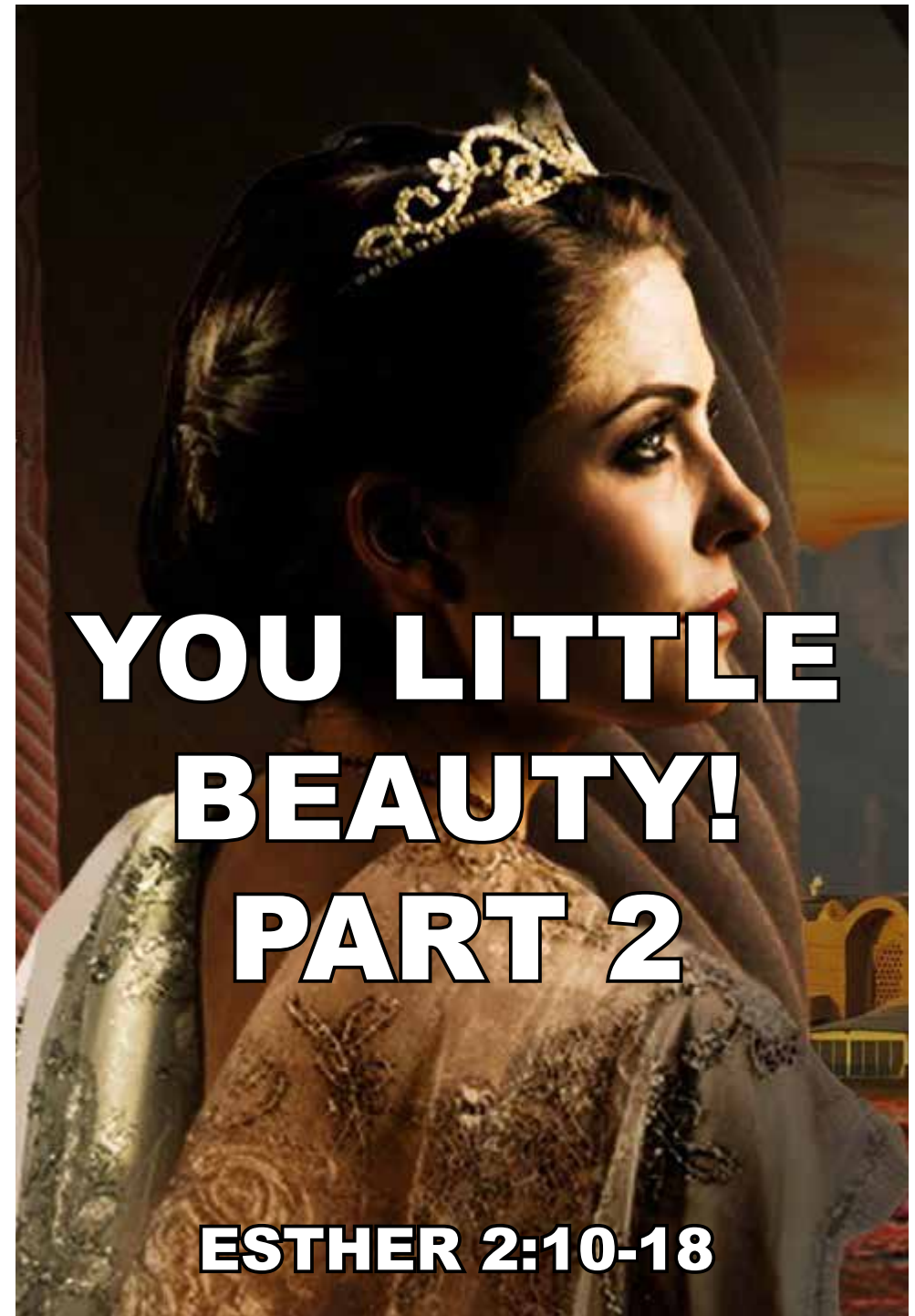


THE PINNACLE - V17B

so he put a royal crown on her head and made her queen in place of Vashti.

THE PROCLAMATION - V18

Then the king gave a great banquet for Esther and invited all his important men and royal officers. He announced a holiday for all the empire and had the government give away gifts.

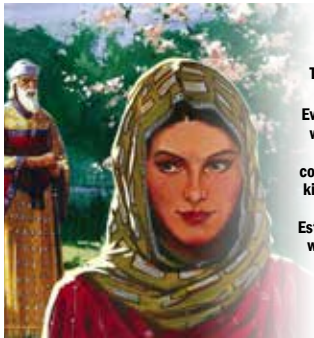




**THE
PROBLEM
OF
SECRECY -
V10-11**

**THE PARENTAGE
- V10**

Esther did not tell anyone about her family or who her people were, because Mordecai had told her not to.



**THE PROXIMITY -
V11**

Every day Mordecai walked back and forth near the courtyard where the king's women lived to find out how Esther was and what was happening to her.



**THE
PRODUCTIVE
STRATEGIES -
V12-15**



THE PREPARATION - V12

Before a girl could take her turn with King Xerxes, she had to complete twelve months of beauty treatments that were ordered for the women. For six months she was treated with oil and myrrh and for six months with perfumes and cosmetics.



THE PERFORMANCE - V13-14

Then she was ready to go to the king. Anything she asked for was given to her to take with her from the women's quarters to the king's palace. In the evening she would go to the king's palace, and in the morning, she would return to another part of the women's quarters. There she would be placed under the care of Shashgaz, the king's eunuch in charge of the slave women. The girl would not go back to the king again unless he was pleased with her and asked for her by name.



THE POSITIVITY - V15

The time came for Esther daughter of Abihail, Mordecai's uncle, who had been adopted by Mordecai, to go to the king. She asked for only what Hegai suggested she should take. (Hegai was the king's eunuch who was in charge of the women.) Everyone who saw Esther liked her.



**THE
PROCESS OF
SELECTION -
V16-18**