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Hadassah: One Night With The King



Synopsis

Bestselling author Tommy Tenney expands the extraordinary story of Esther like no novelist has done before. Both a thriller and a Jewish woman's memoir, Hadassah takes readers to ancient Persia (now known as Iran), into the inner sanctum of the palace and back out into the war zones of battle and political intrigue. This gripping drama of a simple peasant girl chosen over many more qualified candidates to become Esther, Queen of Persia, captures the imagination and fires the emotions of men and women alike.

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Customer Reviews

I had mixed feelings about this book. I love the account of Esther in the Bible, and we read the author's version of that account in the last 20% of this book. However, the first 80% of this book leaves much to be desired. I understand that this is a work of fiction, and that the author is trying to fill in gaps. However, I still expect the fictional parts to be plausible. Unfortunately, Tenney's version is not at all plausible. Instead, he seems to chose events simply to make the story more dramatic. Personally, I think the story of Esther is dramatic enough as it is. There was no need for the author to add such idiotic events of his own. The end result was just way too unrealistic, and it ruined the Esther account for me. Some examples of the dramatic license taken:- Haman is the last descendant of the Amalekites and the king Agag. In the Bible, we know that Saul didn't have King Agag killed right away. It wasn't until later that the prophet Samuel killed him. In Tenney's version, this delay allowed for King Agag's wife, who was also captured, to escape from her bonds, sneak

past her guards, find where they were keeping her husband the king, sneak into him, have sex with him (also unnoticed) and escape, now carrying the king's son. She taught this son to hate the Jews, and this son was a forefather of Haman, who was thus also raised to hate Jews. While it is true that Haman was an Amalekite, and quite possibly a royal descendant, I find it unlikely that his forefather was conceived in such a way. If I was king Agag's wife, and managed to escape, I wouldn't stop to have whoopie with my heavily guarded husband one last time. I would have run for it.

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