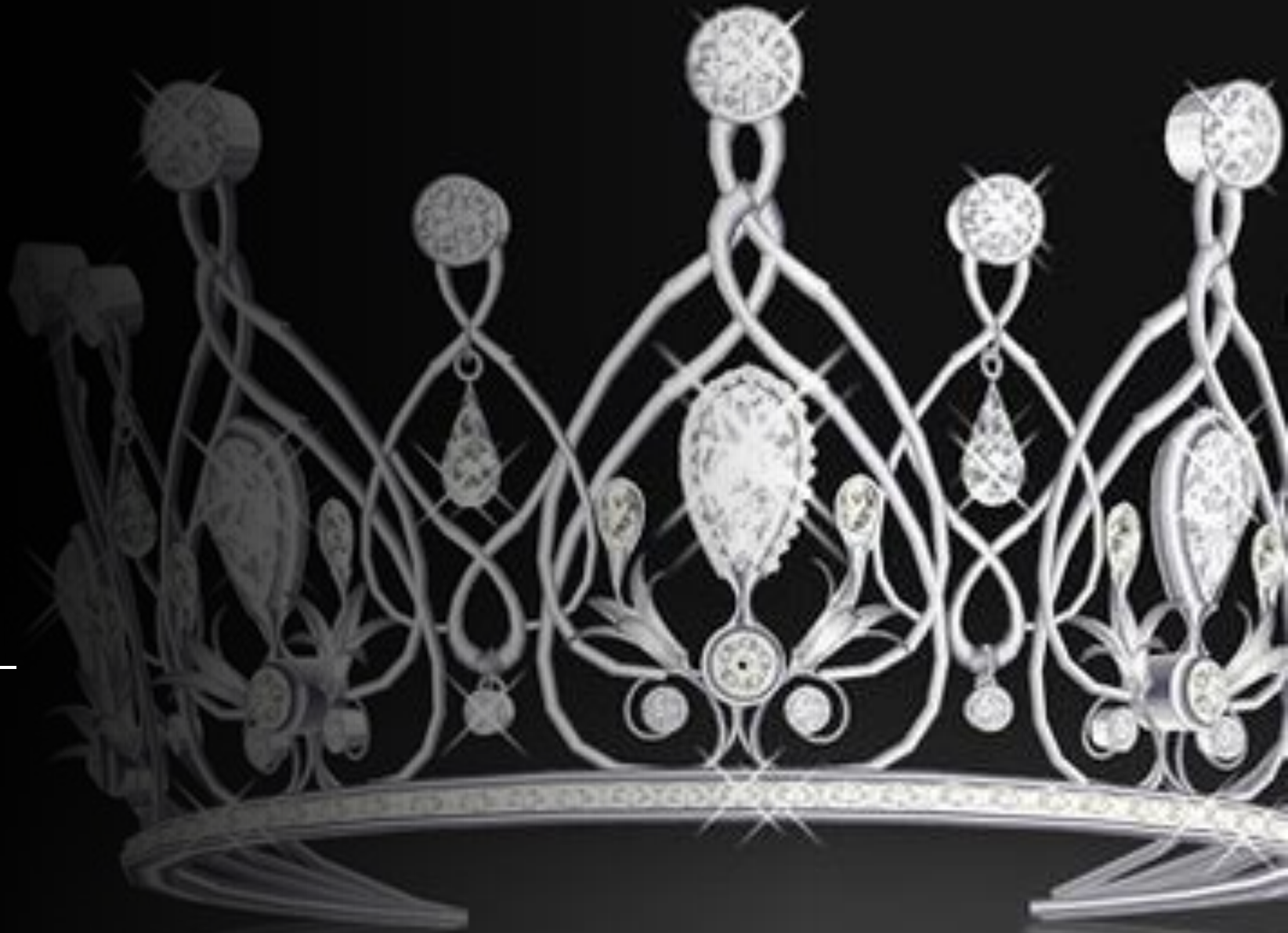




Two Queens

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Identify the Following:

- Foreigner in Her Kingdom
- Married to a Weak Man
- Received Words from Spiritual Advisor
- Plotted Against her Nemesis
- Orchestrated Death Sentences

Esther



Jezebel



Using Our Aggression Wisely



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- Aggression can be viewed positively
 - To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ~~ability~~. Then he went away – Matt. 25:15
dynamism
 - Their aggression is applauded: “Well Done!”



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And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it – Matthew 10:38-39



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If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind – I Corinthians 13:1-4a



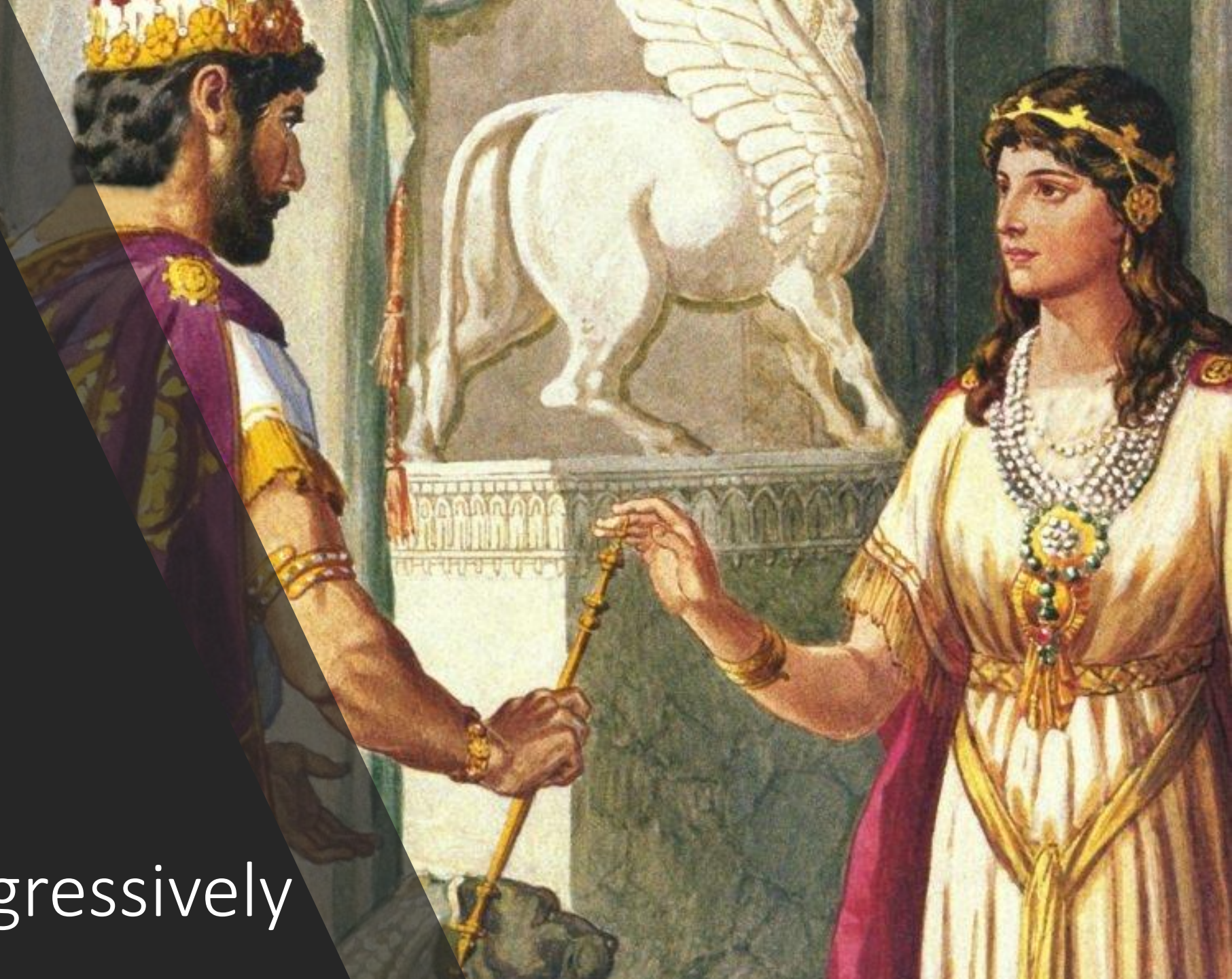
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 - We would look like Jesus
 - His disciples remembered that it was written
"Zeal for your house will consume me." – John 2:17

He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him – Acts 10:38



Pursuing
Submission Aggressively



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- Esther was Placed in a Dangerous and Difficult Situation
 - Under submission to a weak man with great power
 - She was tempted to submit submissively
 - Mordecai had other thoughts!
 - Unlike Jezebel, she did not usurp; she acted wisely for God's cause

For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" – Esther 4:14



Pursuing Submission Aggressively

- Apostle Peter Encouraged Aggressive Submission
 - Christians and their ungodly government (I Peter 2:13-17)
 - Heavenly citizen do not ignore earthly laws!
 - Conversations and social media will demonstrate level of submissiveness



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 - **Servants and their ungodly masters (2:18-21)**
 - Actions based on godliness
 - Willingness to submit, even when viewed as sub-human
 - We cannot relate to servitude; we can relate to unjust suffering



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 - **Wives and their ungodly husbands (3:1-6)**
 - Her concern is not with what is passing
 - Demonstrates heavenly citizenship
 - Quietly seeks to change husband's citizenship



**How Aggressively Are We
Submitting to God?**