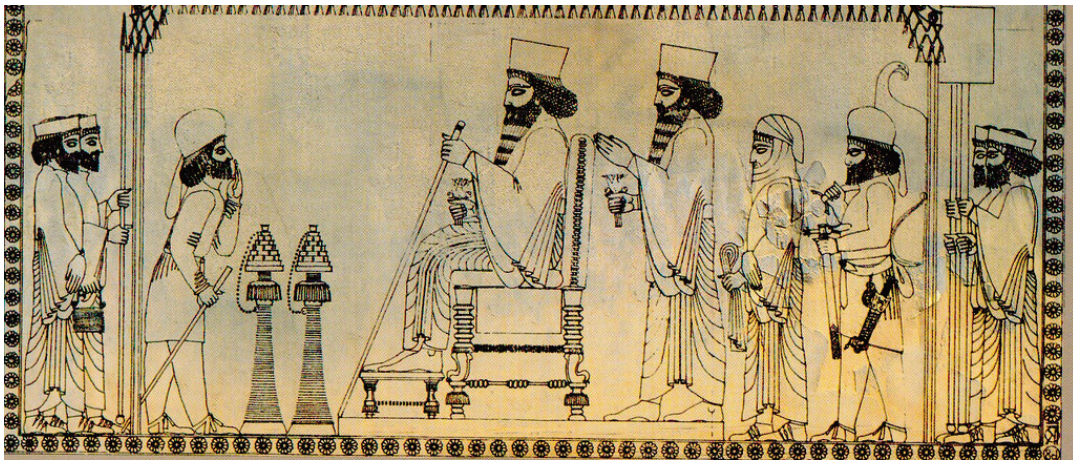


Esther - Lesson Eight



The threat to Esther's life in approaching the king unrequested was real. Archaeologists have uncovered an image of a Persian king (either King Xerxes or King Darius, with the crown prince standing behind) sitting upon his throne and holding a long scepter in his right hand.

Behind him is shown a soldier holding a large ax. Either the scepter would rise or the ax would fall.



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