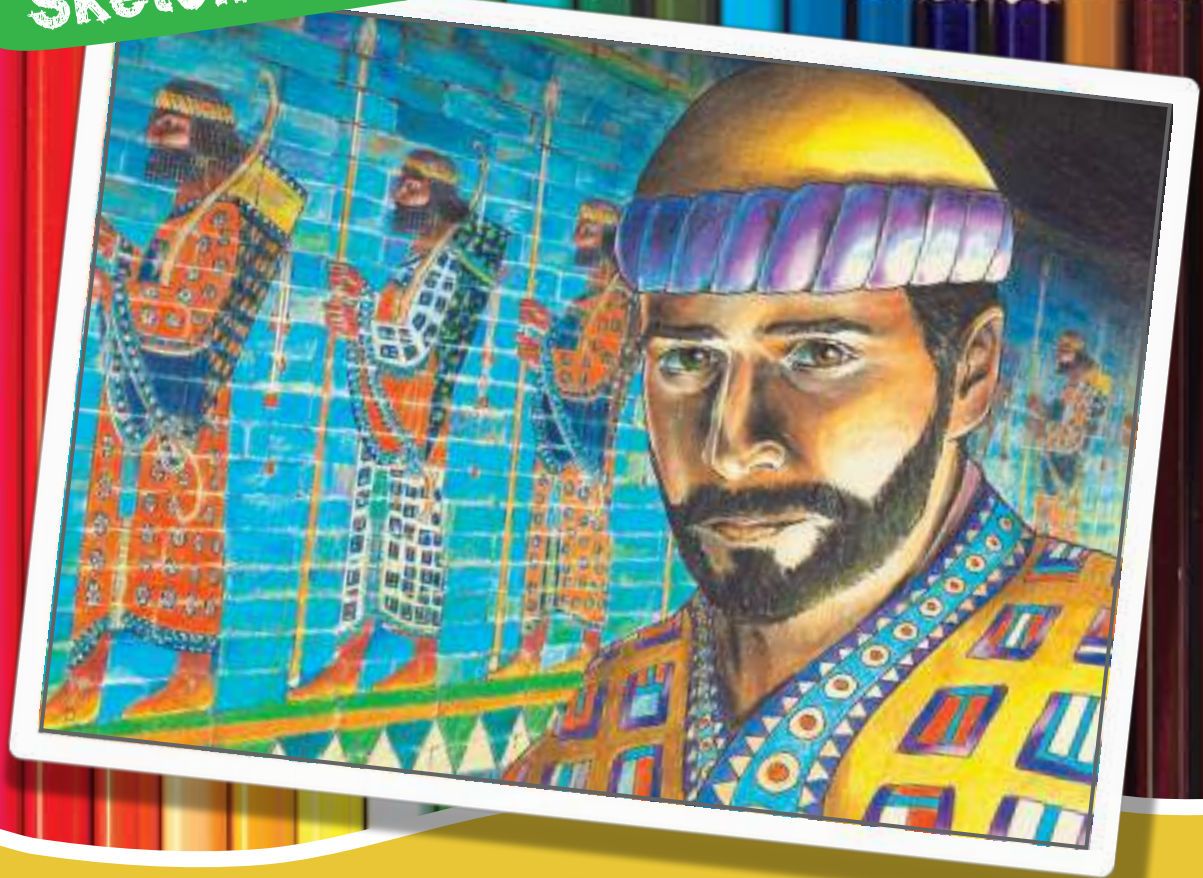
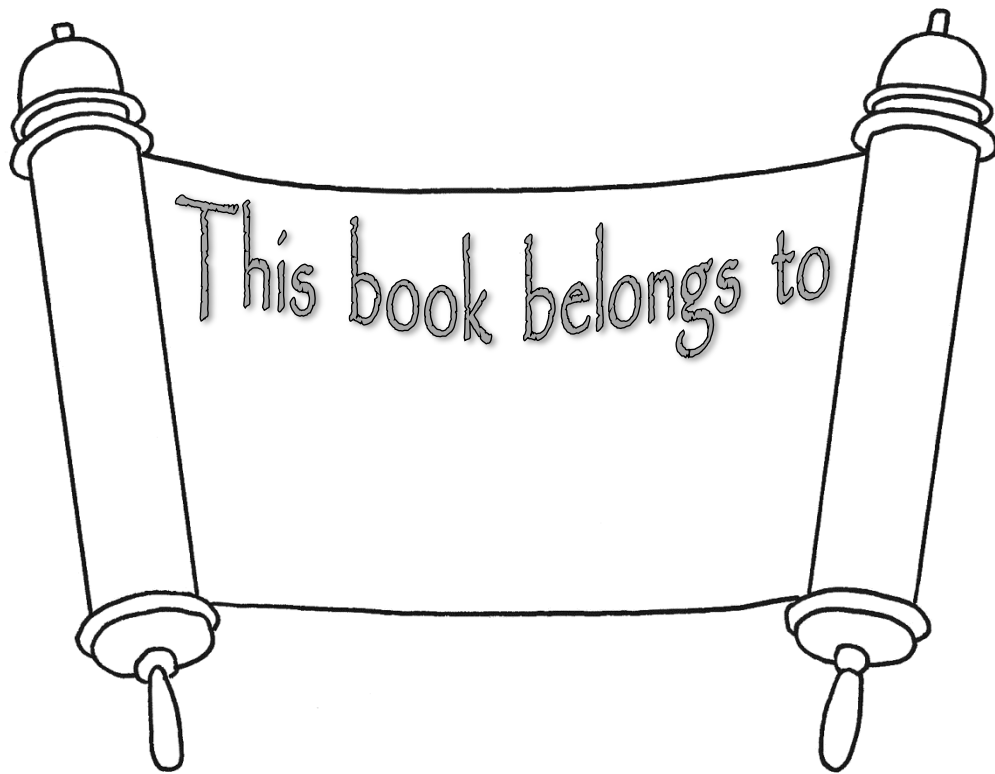


Sketches...



Mordecai

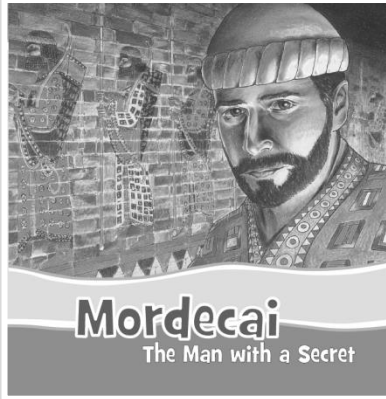
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Have you heard about Mordecai and his cousin Esther? They were Jews, who were God's special people. They were living in Persia – in an area we would call Iran – a long way from their homeland of Israel.

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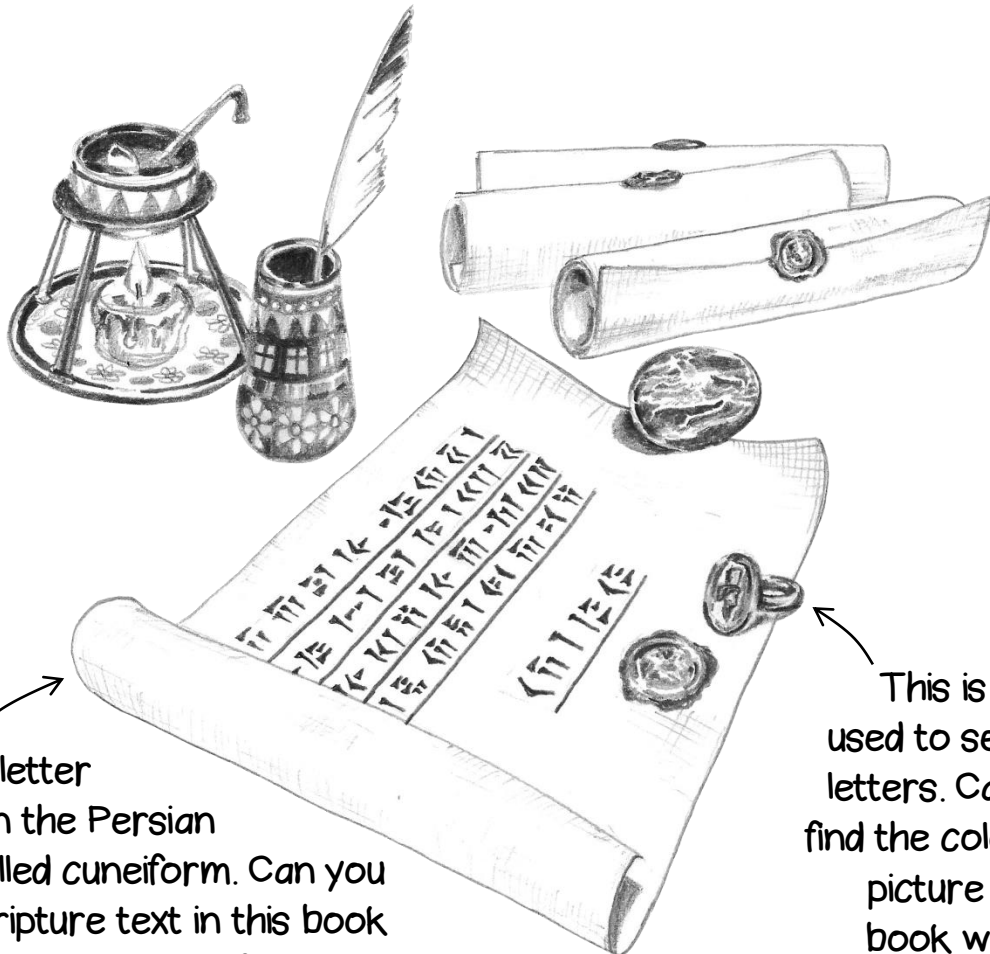
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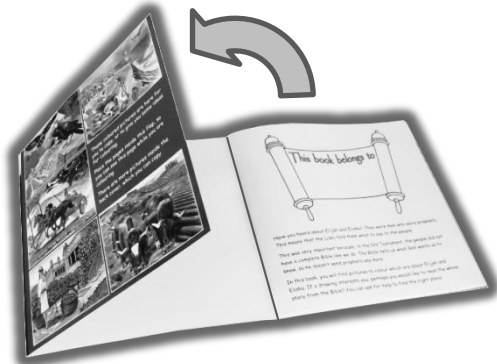
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This is a letter written in the Persian script called cuneiform. Can you find a scripture text in this book which mentions letters?

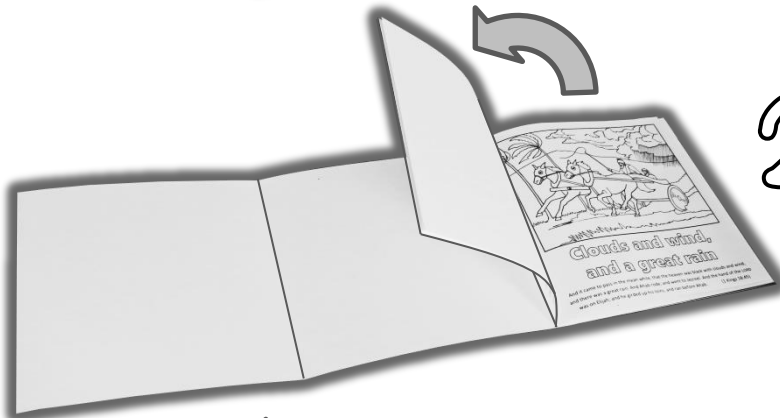
This is a ring used to seal the letters. Can you find the colouring picture in this book which is about a ring?

HOW TO USE THIS COLOURING BOOK



1

Open the front cover.
Then open the flap inside
the front cover.



2

Turn to the page you
want to colour.



3

Close the flap. You
can now copy the
coloured picture if you
want to.

TOP
TIP!

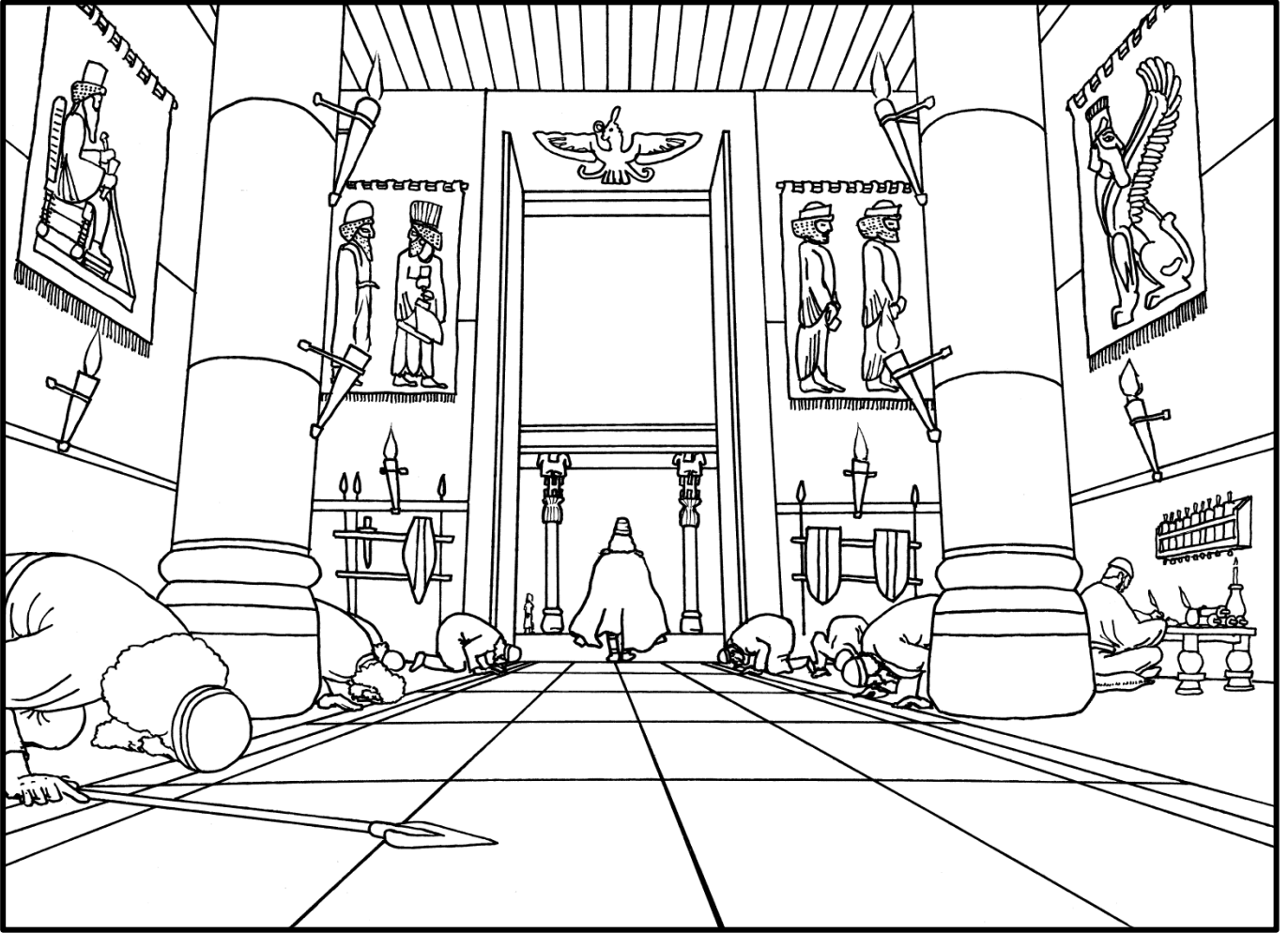
Find the other flap at the back of the book.
Put this flap **UNDERNEATH** the picture you are
colouring. This will protect the pages below.



The king made Esther queen

And the king [Ahasuerus] loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight ... so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti ... Then Mordecai sat in the king's gate. Esther had not yet shewed her kindred nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him. (Esther 2:17-20)

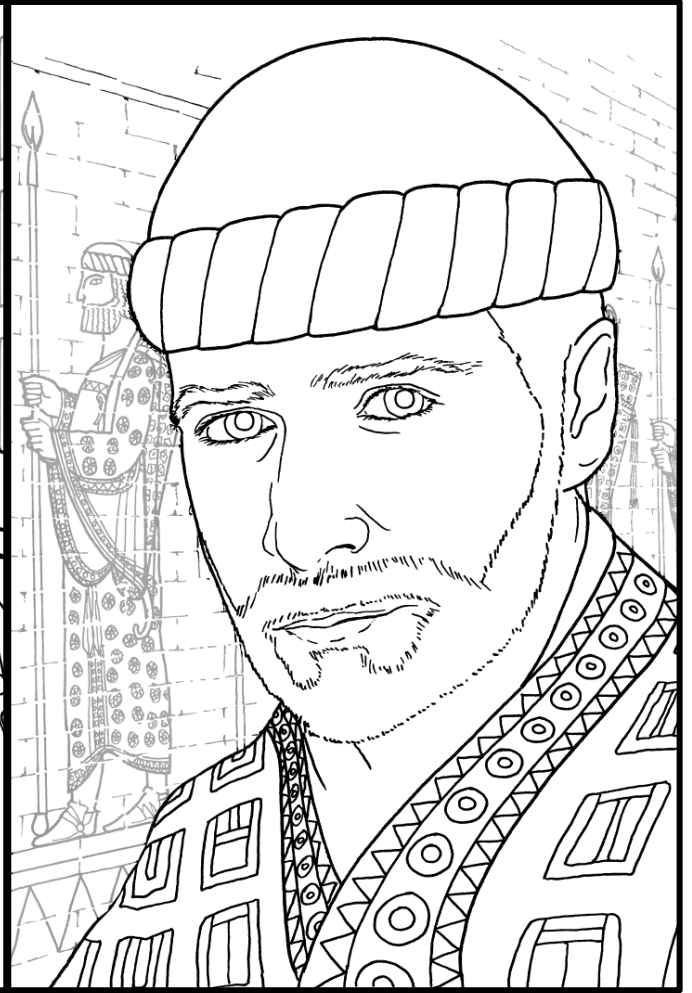
The King's Gate in the palace at Shushan. Can you find Mordecai?



Mordecai bowed not, nor did Haman reverence

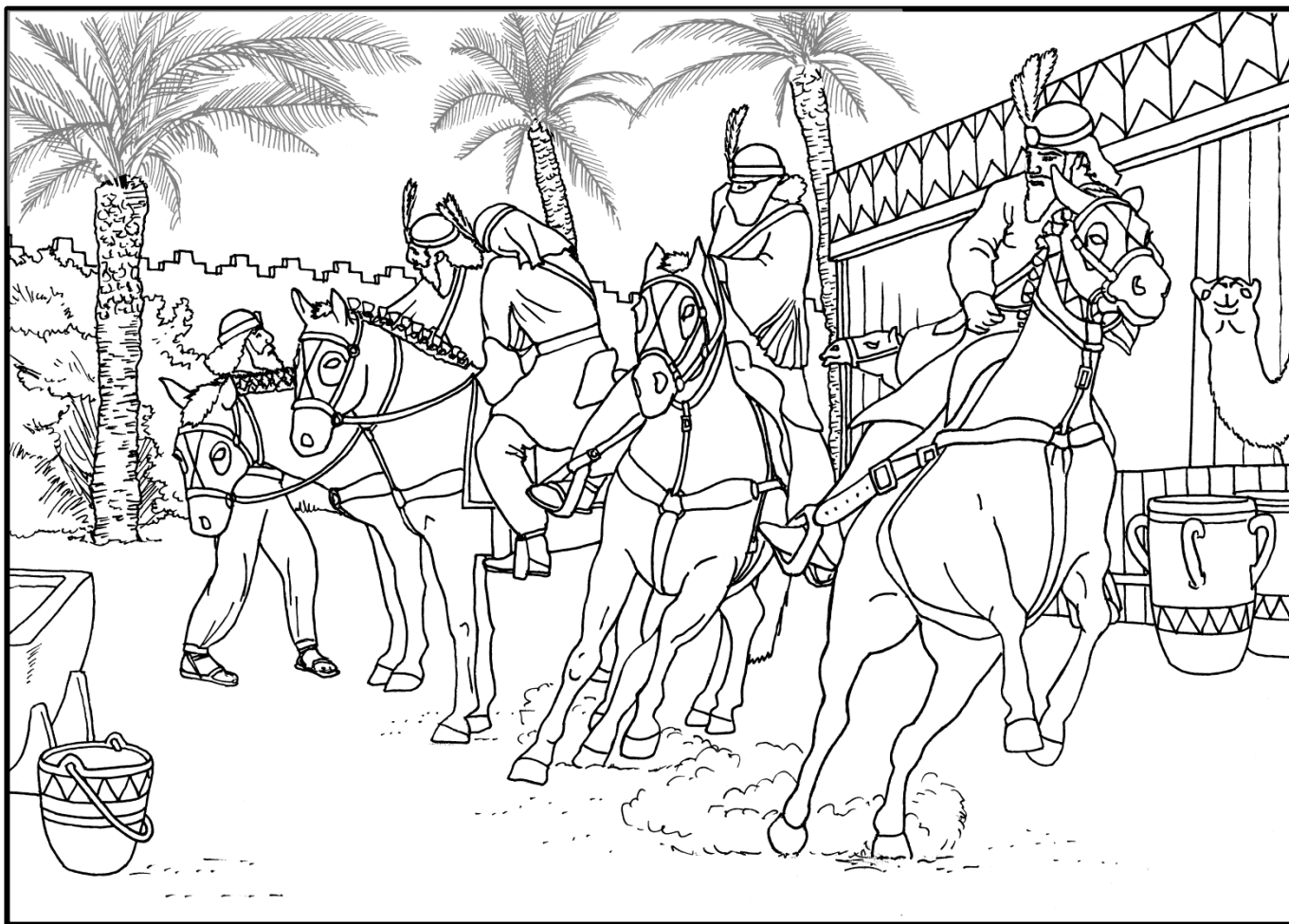
All the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, bowed, and revered Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence.

(Esther 3:2)



When Haman saw that
Mordecai bowed not, he
was full of wrath

The orders were sent in sealed letters, delivered by postmen (posts) on horses or camels



**Letters were sent by posts
into all the king's provinces**

... they had shewed [Haman] the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom ... And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces ... to kill ... all Jews, both young and old, little children and women. (Esther 3:6,13)