



Study Guide

For Such A Time As This

The Story of Esther

*God is in control. God has a plan.
You are in that plan.
You are here for such a time as this.*

Part 1

Outline

1. Vashti's Rebellion and Esther's Ascension (1-2)
2. Haman's Vicious Plot and Mordecai's Response (3-4)
3. Esther's Plea and the Providential Reversal (5-7)
4. Victory Over the Enemy (8-10)

Introduction

- **Providence**
Absolutely everything that needs to be done to bring about His purposes, God sees to it that it happens.
- **Sovereignty**
God's sovereignty is His right and power to do all that He decides to do.
- **What's the Big Idea of the Book of Esther?**

Principles in the Book of Esther

- **The Tapestry of Deliverance**
Seemingly unrelated events in the lives of characters found in the book of Esther became part of the weaving of deliverance for Israel.
- **God Equips Whom He Calls**
The very thing that would seem to disqualify someone may be the avenue through which God moves.

- **Fasting and Prayer**

Understanding and accepting our God-given roles does not negate the need to seek God's face in times of trouble.

Chapter One

- **Vashti Refuses to Appear**

Chapter Two

The Search for a New Queen

- Meet Mordecai (vs. 5-6)
- Meet Esther (vs. 7)
- The Favor of God (vs. 9)
- Hidden Identity (vs. 10)
- The Value of Preparation

Esther Becomes the New Queen

- The Value of Wise Counsel
- The Value of Timing
- The Value of Humility
- The Value of Obedience

Mordecai Thwarts an Assassination Attempt

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