



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 2

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)

Chapter Three

Mordecai Angers Haman

- Mordecai saved the king's life. However, as time and circumstances went on, Haman was promoted.
- The irony is the promotion of Haman when it is Mordecai that is expected to be rewarded.
- Mordecai kept his values and loyalty in the correct place (vs. 2).
- In order to be elevated in God's Kingdom *eventually*, you must put His Kingdom first *presently*.

Haman Plots the Extermination of the Jews

- Separation and God's laws still put us at odds with the culture of the day (vs. 8-9)
- Two Resources of the Kingdom (vs. 11)

Chapter Four

Mordecai Requests Esther's Help

- Mordecai and the Jews among the provinces are in mourning over the decree (vs. 1-3).
- Mordecai appeals to Esther to intercede to the king for her people (vs. 7-9).
- Esther hesitates to follow his leading at this point, unlike before (vs. 11).
- Mordecai's Faith-Filled Statement (vs. 13-14)

"For such a time as this"

- This call to service is for anyone who needs the courage to take the next step as God opens doors.
 - Take faith and confidence that everyone has a place in God's eternal purpose which has been unfolding since the beginning.
- Fasting and Intercession (vs. 15-16)
- The Value of One Another

Sources

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