



## 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 3

### 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 Five

### Esther Appears Before the King

- First Banquet (vs. 5)
- Invitation to Second Banquet (vs. 8)

### Haman Plans to Kill Mordecai

- Haman—from happy to furious (vs. 9)
- Regardless of all that Haman had, it did not satisfy what he did not have—Mordecai (vs. 13).
- The “plan for the pole/gallows” (vs. 14)

## Chapter Six

### Mordecai Rewarded

- The king's insomnia and reading (vs. 1-3)
- The providence of God (vs. 4-6)
- The "prophetic" words of Haman's wife (vs. 13)

## Chapter Seven

### The Death of Haman

- Second Banquet (vs. 1)
- The enemy's attack on us is a tactical tool for our future deliverance (Genesis 50:20).

### Haman and Us

- The most arrogant people are often those who must measure their self-worth by the power or influence they think they have over others.
- God was preparing Haman's downfall and the protection of his people long before Haman came to power under Xerxes.
- In contrast to Esther, who risked everything for God and won, Haman risked everything for an evil purpose and lost.
- Deeper questions:
  - How much of Haman is in me?
  - Do I desire to control others?
  - Am I threatened when others don't appreciate me as I think they should?
  - Do I want revenge when my pride is attacked?

### Sources

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