



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 4

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 Eight

Esther Saves the Jews

- On a single day, one man was destroyed and another who was nearly destroyed was exalted.
- The king gives Esther the household of Haman and Mordecai receives Haman's position in the Kingdom.
- Esther continues her request on behalf of her people.
- To counter command his previous edict directing the destruction of the Jews, the king gives authority to Esther and Mordecai to send new edicts. (The king's command cannot be rescinded.)
- The Value of Trust
- Mordecai's new edit enables the Jews to organize and defend themselves on the day the destruction was to occur.

Chapter Nine

The Victory of the Jews

The Festival of Purim (vs. 20-32)

- “Haman...the enemy of the Jews, had plotted to crush and destroy them on the date determined by casting lots (the lots were called purim)” (vs. 24).

Chapter Ten

The Greatness of Mordecai

Conclusion

- In the book of Esther, we clearly see God at work in the lives of individuals and in the affairs of a nation.
- No matter how hopeless our condition, or how much we would like to give up, we need not despair. God is in control of our world.
- **Mega Themes**
 - God’s Sovereignty and Providence
 - Racial Hatred
 - Deliverance
 - Action
 - Wisdom

Sources

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