Bible Story: Esther

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INTRODUCTION

- A decree is going to be signed, an immutable decree that on such and such a date, all of these Hebrew people will be slaughtered, will be put to death.
- Mordecai, the faithful Jew, says to Esther, his kinswoman, you go into the king and plead for us. For who knows but what you have come into the kingdom for such a time as this.
- The name of Jehovah is absent from its scintillating pages, but his sublime presence pervades every scene.

1 Jehovah Rules in the Kingdoms of Men

Daniel 4:25; Daniel 3:29; Psalm 66:7

- The sovereignty of God versus the immutable decree of Persian rule hovers in the background of every salient scene.
- If there is one major thrust in this section of the Bible, it is the blazing message of Daniel 4:25, recorded in a classic setting. Jehovah rules in the kingdoms of men.
- Oh, how we need to learn that the destiny of the world is in his almighty grasp and not in the puny machinery of men.
- Since he ruleth by his power forever, Psalm 66:7, wisdom demands that we recognize his absolute sovereignty.

2 Principle Came Before Popularity with the Queen

1 Peter 3:1–3

- The king demanded something of her that pandered to lust and sensual wickedness.
- Principle came before popularity with the queen.
- Many women today in lesser positions need to learn the beauty of holiness and the challenge of shamefastness.
- Vashti put a premium upon purity at a time when pressure dictated an easier decision.

3 Always Be Ready for Service in God's Vineyard

- Mordecai seized the opportunity to prepare Esther for such a time as this.
- It is our duty to be alert, diligent, and submissive when the Lord needs helpers.
- Esther proved to be courageous, versatile, and perceptive in divine matters.
- That man of God would not bow down to Haman's pride or pseudo-authority.

4 His Book of Remembrance Is Infallibly Accurate

Esther 6:1–3; Malachi 3:16; Genesis 16:13

- But our Redeemer sees our tears and hears our prayers.

- Mordecai's great courage in saving a king's life received no immediate notice or reward.
- The Lord's time schedule may differ from ours, but his book of remembrance is infallibly accurate.
- Hagar was correct in Genesis 16:13 when she said, Thou, O God, seeest me.

5 Evil Men Perish by Their Own Cunning

Proverbs 13:15; Proverbs 14:9

- God is not mocked, and sin has its own inevitable reward of ruin.
- Despicable men finally learn the way of the transgressor is hard, and fools make a mock at sin.
- God's will shall be done ultimately, whether or not we participate in concerted action with him.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **The sooner we really say, Thy will be done, the better our lives will be for time and eternity.**

MY NOTES