For Such A Time As This

Joshua Creel · Esther 4:13–14

INTRODUCTION

- We have this matter of the king has decreed that all of the Jews are to be destroyed on a single day.
- If you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, and you and your father's house will perish.

1 The Kind of Man Esther Was Dealing With

- Mordecai is drawing her attention to the very providence of God that here was Esther, an orphan, taken by her cousin and raised.
- Married to literally the most powerful man in all the world at that time.
- Xerxes repaid Pythias' kindness by releasing his four youngest sons and by beheading the eldest.
- This is the kind of man that we're dealing with. This is the kind of man that Esther was dealing with.

2 How All This Fits Within the Book of Esther

Esther 3:8

- It was before the invasion that Vashtai his queen was deposed.
- It's not until the following year, according to chapter 2 and verses 16 and 17, after he is repulsed in Greece that he comes back, and now Esther becomes his queen.
- There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom. Their laws are different from those of all other people, and they do not observe the king's laws.
- I can't be weak. I can't have enemies. Destroy them all. Not knowing that his queen Esther was a Jew and one of these very people.

3 Deliverance Will Arise From Another Place

Esther 4:14; Deuteronomy 28; Deuteronomy 30

- Mordecai is confident his people are going to be rescued. Deliverance is going to come.
- When God promised in Deuteronomy chapter 30 that when they repented and returned, God will return them to their land and bless them. Mordecai knew those promises. And he believed them.
- The only question is, Esther, what role do you have in fulfilling the promise of God?
- And Mordecai will be exalted, and all the Jews will be saved. God delivered his people.

4 The Fulfillment of God's Promises: What Place Do I Have?

Acts 16; Mark 16:15–16

- We can have this assurance that every promise of God will be fulfilled.

- The question that sometimes we ask and sometimes we wonder about is what place do I have in the fulfillment of God's promises?
- He knew the promises of God were going to be fulfilled. He was just struggling with the question of where am I supposed to go?
- God's promise is all who believe and are baptized will be saved. Your mission is go and take that message.

5 Where I Am for Such a Time as This

- Or could it be that I'm where I am for such a time as this?
- The people I meet and I interact with, they need the gospel.
- God can use me if I will allow him to help further that cause and so that his promises can be kept to even more people.

6 How Did God Provide? Through People Like Us

Matthew 6:31–33; Acts 2; Hebrews 13:5–6

- Seek ye first the kingdom of heaven and his righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.
- How did God provide those things? Through people like us. Through the brethren.
- How do I know that I've not been given this income for such a time as this?
- We all know God's not going to leave us, but sometimes we need the human agency of brothers and sisters to encourage us.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **How do you know that you're not here for such a time as this? So that you too can respond and have him as your Father.**

MY NOTES