



## **For Such a Time as This**

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<sup>12</sup>So Hathach gave Esther's message to Mordecai. <sup>13</sup>Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: "Don't think for a moment that because you're in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. <sup>14</sup>If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?"

### **Esther 4:12-14 NLT**

### **You are positioned for a Kingdom purpose.**

<sup>5</sup>At that time there was a Jewish man in the fortress of Susa whose name was Mordecai son of Jair. He was from the tribe of Benjamin and was a descendant of Kish and Shimei. <sup>6</sup>His family had been among those who, with King Jehoiachin of Judah, had been exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>7</sup>This man had a very beautiful and lovely young cousin, Hadassah, who was also called Esther. When her father and mother died, Mordecai adopted her into his family and raised her as his own daughter. <sup>8</sup>As a result of the king's decree, Esther, along with many other young women, was brought to the king's harem at the fortress of Susa and placed in Hegai's care. <sup>9</sup>Hegai was very impressed with Esther and treated her kindly. He quickly ordered a special menu for her and provided her with beauty treatments. He also assigned her seven maids specially chosen from the king's palace, and he moved her and her maids into the best place in the harem. <sup>10</sup>Esther had not told anyone of her nationality and family background, because Mordecai had directed her not to do so. <sup>11</sup>Every day Mordecai would take a walk near the courtyard of the harem to find out about Esther and what was happening to her. <sup>12</sup>Before each young woman was taken to the king's bed, she was given the prescribed twelve months of beauty treatments—six months with oil of myrrh, followed by six months with special perfumes and ointments. <sup>17</sup>And the king loved Esther more than any of the other young women. He was so delighted with her that he set the royal crown on her head and declared her queen instead of Vashti. <sup>18</sup>To celebrate the occasion, he gave a great banquet in Esther's honor for all his nobles and officials, declaring a public holiday for the provinces and giving generous gifts to everyone.

### **Esther 2:5-12, 17-18 NLT**

### **You will need bold prayers and bold faith.**

<sup>10</sup>Then Esther told Hathach to go back and relay this message to Mordecai: <sup>11</sup>“All the king’s officials and even the people in the provinces know that anyone who appears before the king in his inner court without being invited is doomed to die unless the king holds out his gold scepter. And the king has not called for me to come to him for thirty days.” <sup>12</sup>So Hathach gave Esther’s message to Mordecai. <sup>13</sup>Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: “Don’t think for a moment that because you’re in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. <sup>14</sup>If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?” <sup>15</sup>Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: <sup>16</sup>“Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die.” <sup>17</sup>So Mordecai went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

### **Esther 4:10-17 NLT**

### **God will deliver and vindicate His people.**

<sup>1</sup>So on March 7 the two decrees of the king were put into effect. On that day, the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, but quite the opposite happened. It was the Jews who overpowered their enemies. <sup>2</sup>The Jews gathered in their cities throughout all the king’s provinces to attack anyone who tried to harm them. But no one could make a stand against them, for everyone was afraid of them.

### **Esther 9:1-2 NLT**

<sup>1</sup> King Xerxes imposed a tribute throughout his empire, even to the distant coastlands. <sup>2</sup> His great achievements and the full account of the greatness of Mordecai, whom the king had promoted, are recorded in *The Book of the History of the Kings of Media and Persia*.

<sup>3</sup> Mordecai the Jew became the prime minister, with authority next to that of King Xerxes himself. He was very great among the Jews, who held him in high esteem, because he continued to work for the good of his people and to speak up for the welfare of all their descendants.

**Esther 10:1-3 NLT**

**God is always working—even when you do not see Him.**