
For Such A Time As This
"The Plan Advances"
Esther 2

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Introduction: We have begun a new series where we are working our way through the book of Esther.

1. Esther is a historical narrative that fleshes out some of the most important elements of our faith.
 - The Sovereignty of God
 - His Providential Care For His People
 - His Omniscience & Omnipotence
2. As we started last week, we noted how God was setting the stage for the rest of the story by controlling the affairs in the Persian royal court.
3. This morning as we come to chapter 2, we see how He advances His plan.
4. The invisible threat at this time is Haman & a law that would effectively lead to a Jewish genocide in the Persian Empire.
5. To address this looming threat, God will do two remarkable things:
 - Elevate Esther to be Queen
 - Elevate Mordecai as a Hero
6. Because of God's work here in chapter 2, Israel will be saved when the threat becomes visible.

I. Esther Becomes Queen

- A. A Lonely King
- B. A Proposed Solution
- C. An Unlikely Contestant

- D. Grace
- E. And The Winner Is ... Esther

II. Mordecai Becomes A Hero

- A. A Watchful Eye
- B. See Something, Say Something
- C. The King Is Saved

Conclusion: What's interesting here is Mordecai is not recognized or rewarded as a hero at this point in the narrative.

1. That will come later. That is not a coincidence.
2. God is working to thwart a looming threat against His people.
3. That threat is not yet visible, but God is moving His plan forward.
4. When the threat is real & imminent, He'll be ready & His people will be safe.
5. God has promised us He will never leave us or forsake us.
6. He has promised to be with us always.
7. He has promised to turn evil into good.
8. We need to believe it & act accordingly!