
For Such A Time As This
"The Ultimate Irony"
Esther 7

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Introduction: Throughout our study of Esther, we have seen God at work.

1. Chapter 7 is no exception. In fact, here we see much of what God has been doing come to fruition.
2. Haman has been plotting against the Jews since chapter 3.
3. As recently as chapter 5, it looked like his plans would prevail.
4. Looks can be deceiving. In chapter 6 we saw the tables begin to turn on Haman.
 - The king was reminded of Mordecai's heroics.
 - Mordecai was honored.
 - Haman was humiliated.
5. From Haman's perspective, it couldn't get worse ... but it could.
6. Here in chapter 7, he will die on the gallows he prepared for Mordecai.
7. It took a while, but once again we are reminded, we reap what we sow.

I. Esther's Strategy

- A. A Banquet
- B. An Invitation
- C. A Pause
- D. A Plea

II. Haman's Downfall

- A. Haman Identified
- B. Haman's Desperation
- C. Haman's Death

Conclusion: When you pause at this point in the narrative, you realize how satisfying this kind of reversal of fortune is.

1. All too often in a broken world, evil triumphs & the righteous suffer. But not here. Haman was evil & has gotten what he deserves.
2. The story isn't over, the Jews are still scheduled for extermination, but the tables have turned.
3. Soon we will see righteousness rewarded.
4. Right now, you may be in the dark, feeling as if God has abandoned you. The reality is:
 - Our circumstances are not accidental but providential.
 - God is active in our crises, but never in a hurry.
 - As we trust Him, the results are not coincidence.
 - They are God's sovereign will being done.
5. So, instead of questioning God's character or motives, trust Him.