

ESTHER
Pt. 3 – “FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS”

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Esther 3:13 (NIV)

^[13] Dispatches were sent...

**MORDECAI PERSUADES
ESTHER TO HELP**

Esther 4:1 (NIV)

^[1] When Mordecai learned of all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the city, wailing loudly and bitterly.

Esther 4:6 (NIV)

⁶ So Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate.

Esther 4:8 (NIV)

^[8] He also gave him a copy of the text of the edict for their annihilation, which had been published in Susa, to show to Esther and explain it to her,

and he told him to urge her to go into the king's presence to beg for mercy and plead with him for her people.

Esther 4:11 (NIV)

^[11] "All the king's officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned

the king has but one law: that he be put to death. The only exception to this is for the king to extend the gold scepter to him and spare his life.

But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king."

Esther 4:14 (NIV)

^[14] For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish.

And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

Esther 4:16 (NIV)

^[16] "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will fast as you do.

When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish."

ESTHER INTERCEDES FOR THE JEWS

Esther 5:1 (NIV)

^[1] On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the palace, in front of the king's hall. The king was sitting on his royal throne in the hall, facing the entrance.

Esther 5:4 (NIV)

^[4] "If it pleases the king," replied Esther, "let the king, together with Haman, come today to a banquet I have prepared for him."

HAMAN'S RAGE AGAINST MORDECAI

Esther 5:9-10 (NIV)

^[9] Haman went out that day happy and in high spirits. But when he saw Mordecai at the king's gate and observed that he neither rose nor showed fear in his presence, he was filled with rage against Mordecai.

^[10] Nevertheless, Haman restrained himself and went home. Calling together his friends and Zeresh, his wife...

Esther 5:14 (NIV)

^[14] His wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, "Have a gallows built, seventy-five feet high, and ask the king in the morning to have Mordecai hanged on it.

Then go with the king to the dinner and be happy." This suggestion delighted Haman, and he had the gallows built.

MORDECAI HONORED