



**ESTHER: FOR SUCH
A TIME AS THIS**
“When Evil Seems to Win”
Esther 2:21-3:15
November 24, 2024

Read Esther 2:21-3:6

1) Mordecai’s report 2:21-23

- ✓ Do what is right Galatians 6:10; Jeremiah 29:4-7
- ✓ Don’t expect recognition or reward
Psalm 62:12; Ephesians 6:8; Revelation 22:12
- ✓ Don’t get resentful Galatians 6:9; Proverbs 13:21

2) Haman’s promotion 3:1-2a

- ✓ His position & power
- ✓ His people Deuteronomy 25:17-19; Exodus 17:16;
- ✓ The king’s proclamation

3) Mordecai’s resistance & refusal 3:2b-4

- ✓ His reasoning
- ✓ The servant’s reaction & reminder
- ✓ The servants report him

4) Haman’s pride 3:5-6

- ✓ His reaction was rage Proverbs 15:18; 19:19
- ✓ His loss of reasoning Proverbs 29:22; 16:32
- ✓ His desire for revenge

5) Haman’s plan for revenge 3:7-15

- ✓ His decision & date Proverbs 16:33
- ✓ His devious design
- ✓ The king’s decree
- ✓ The people’s dread
- ✓ The leaders disregard

RESPONSE QUESTIONS:

1. In what ways do we treat God as if He owes us? How can the Gospel free us from thinking we are owed something after doing what we should be doing all along?
2. What does Haman reveal about the danger of pride in positions of power? How can we guard against pride in our own lives, especially when we experience success or recognition?
3. How do we balance respecting authority while remaining faithful to God's commands when the two conflict? Are there areas in your life where you struggle to balance obedience to God with submission to earthly authority? How can you approach these situations biblically?
4. What does Mordecai's stand teach us about the importance of standing firm in our convictions, even when it's costly? Are there times when you have been hesitant to stand up for what is right because of fear or opposition? What steps can you take to cultivate courage in your faith?
5. The Jews would have certainly been fearful and anxious because of the decree. What, if anything, are you currently fearful or anxious about? How can you cast your cares upon Jesus?