

Esther 4:10-17 (HCSB)

¹⁰ Esther spoke to Hathach and commanded him to tell Mordecai, ¹¹ “All the royal officials and the people of the royal provinces know that one law applies to every man or woman who approaches the king in the inner courtyard and who has not been summoned—the death penalty. Only if the king extends the gold scepter will that person live. I have not been summoned to appear before the king for the last 30 days.” ¹² Esther’s response was reported to Mordecai.

¹³ Mordecai told the messenger to reply to Esther, “Don’t think that you will escape the fate of all the Jews because you are in the king’s palace. ¹⁴ If you keep silent at this time, liberation and deliverance will come to the Jewish people from another place, but you and your father’s house will be destroyed. Who knows, perhaps you have come to your royal position for such a time as this.”

¹⁵ Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: ¹⁶ “Go and assemble all the Jews who can be found in Susa and fast for me. Don’t eat or drink for three days, day or night. I and my female servants will also fast in the same way. After that, I will go to the king even if it is against the law. If I perish, I perish.” ¹⁷ So Mordecai went and did everything Esther had ordered him.

GOD WAS THERE

Part 1: The Threat to the Jews – Esther 1-4

The Book of Esther is unique because God's name is never mentioned. However, God's presence is abundantly evident as we see Him working behind the scenes.

GOD WAS THERE:

WHEN A QUEEN WAS _____ – 1:1-22

-- Vashti's refusal to display her beauty before assembled guests amounted to a triple offense: a _____ challenging the authority of a _____, a _____ disobeying the orders of her _____, and a _____ defying the command of the _____.

WHEN A QUEEN WAS _____ – 2:1-18

-- Esther's choice as Queen later helped to thwart the efforts of Haman to _____ the _____.

WHEN AN _____ WAS PLANNED – 2:19-23

-- Mordecai would later be _____ for his heroics when it really counted.

WHEN A _____ WAS HATCHED – 3:1-15

-- God _____ what was going on and how to thwart it.

WHEN A STEP OF _____ WAS TAKEN – 4:1-5:8

-- Nobody was allowed to just walk in on the _____. After _____ and praying, Esther did just that. In God's _____, the king was pleased.

Esther's "Mission Impossible"

- (1) To speak to the king, Esther had to _____ the _____ for which the _____ was _____.
- (2) To make her appeal to the king, Esther would have to _____ she had _____ the king.
- (3) Esther was attempting to convince the king to _____ an _____ law.
- (4) Esther was setting out to _____ Haman, one of the most _____ persons on earth at that moment in time.
- (5) Esther was pursuing a plan which would strike a serious _____ to the king's _____.

"For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him" (2nd Chronicles 16:9). The world has yet to see what God can do with ONE person who's totally committed to Him. Have I come to a position for such a time as this?

GOD WAS THERE

Part 1: The Threat to the Jews – Esther 1-4

The Book of Esther is unique because God's name is never mentioned. However, God's presence is abundantly evident as we see Him working behind the scenes.

GOD WAS THERE:

WHEN A QUEEN WAS DEPOSED – 1:1-22

-- Vashti's refusal to display her beauty before assembled guests amounted to a triple offense: a **woman** challenging the authority of a **man**, a **wife** disobeying the orders of her **husband**, and a **subject** defying the command of the **king**.

WHEN A QUEEN WAS CHOSEN – 2:1-18

-- Esther's choice as Queen later helped to thwart the efforts of Haman to **destroy** the **Jews**.

WHEN AN ASSASSINATION WAS PLANNED – 2:19-23

-- Mordecai would later be **honored** for his heroics when it really counted.

WHEN A PLOT WAS HATCHED – 3:1-15

-- God **knew** what was going on and how to thwart it.

WHEN A STEP OF FAITH WAS TAKEN – 4:1-5:8

-- Nobody was allowed to just walk in on the **king**. After **fasting** and praying, Esther did just that. In God's **providence**, the king was pleased.

Esther's "Mission Impossible"

- (1) To speak to the king, Esther would have to break the law for which the penalty was death.
- (2) To make her appeal to the king, Esther would have to confess she had deceived the king.
- (3) Esther was attempting to convince the king to reverse an irreversible law.
- (4) Esther was setting out to oppose Haman, one of the most powerful persons on earth at that moment in time.
- (5) Esther was pursuing a plan which would strike a serious blow to the king's pride.

"For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him" (2nd Chronicles 16:9). The world has yet to see what God can do with ONE person who's totally committed to Him. Have I come to a position for such a time as this?