

FUTURES

A STUDY IN WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE FUTURE AND WHY IT MATTERS IN YOUR LIFE TODAY.

ESTHER 4:13-14

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

For Such A Time As This

The "Who, What, When Where and Why" of the Future Teachings of the Bible.

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Esther 4:13-16

*And Mordecai told them to answer Esther: "Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. **14** For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"*
***:15** Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai: **16** "Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!"*

The Events that have led up to this harrowing moment reads like a classic novel or a Hollywood script.

<https://images.app.goo.gl/pEeQ2LhghRBckAcd8>

There is the Beautiful damsel who is now in distress played by Esther. A most remarkable, young and exceptionally beautiful woman whom God had prepared for a mission.

There is the gentle, kind and loving uncle Mordecai who is a man of great character with convictions of steel.

There is the Great King Ahasuerus, (Xerxes by name) who rules that part of the world...

Esther 1:1-2

Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus (this was *the* Ahasuerus who reigned over one hundred and twenty-seven provinces, from India to Ethiopia),
2 in those days when King Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom,

And then there is the man, Haman.

A man of opportunity, of manipulation, and of self-promotion.

Esther 3:2c

But Mordecai (the Jew) would not bow or pay homage to Haman.

Haman was a man who loved attention and power,

but he **was** also a man of great insecurities and fear – *a shallow man with access to power is a dangerous thing for any nation or people!*

**It all comes to this truth spoken by
uncle Mordecai to Esther...**

Esther 4:14

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The Application / The Point / The Purpose / The Big Idea

Daniel 4:17c NLT

Know that the Most High rules over the kingdoms of the world.

Benjamin Franklin put it this way:

"God Governs In The Affairs of Men"

<https://ourlostfounding.com/the-constitution-god-governs-in-the-affairs-of-men/>

For Such A Time As This

1.) Here you are

Esther's Life in Total

Had been observed by God. From the days of military defeat to being taken captive, to her being "chosen" by king Xerxes for her sheer beauty, her life had been under the constant view of God.

Psalm 91:15 NLT

When they call on me, **I will answer;**
I will be with them in trouble. **I will rescue** and honor them.

In Every Hour of Every Day: Trouble – God says
“I will answer, I will be with them, I will rescue them”

{ here's the catch - - you've got to be in trouble }

Here You Are...

Called / Ordained / Appointed / Tasked / Sent into

(today, now, our time in human history is for us to be living)

God Works According to His Divine Appointments

Called / Ordained / Appointed / Tasked / Sent into

Acts 2:22-23

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— **23** Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;

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Jeremiah 1:4-5

Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”

Joshua 1:5-6

No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and of good courage,

Galatians 1:15-16

But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, 16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles,

Acts 17:28

For in Him we live and move and have our being.
In every moment of every day of every situation of life,
there is not one thing that is out of His control.

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2.) Here they come.

Evil becomes personified in the man Haman.

He is an Agagite, a descendant of king Agag, King of the Amalekites

Evil is being Personified in Our World Today.

The Washington Times

https://www.washingtontimes.com/multimedia/image/election_2020_biden_lgbtq_78764jpgdee88jpg/

Science tells us that an unborn child is a human being. That was my response to former Vice President Joe Biden's tweet earlier this week that said, "we need a president who believes in science." So, is Mr. Biden a denier?

Now President Joe Biden embraces the extreme view of abortion on demand all the way through to birth. He now supports an all taxpayer-funded abortion campaign against the unborn.

Isaiah 5:20-21

Woe (ah' or damned or condemned) be those who call **evil good, and good evil**; Who put **darkness for light, and light for darkness**; Who put **bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!** 21 Woe to those who are **wise** (become the teachers, experts) in their own eyes.

2 Timothy 3:13-14

But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of.

Ezekiel's Commentary on Our Day

again I make mention of false and idle shepherds

Ezekiel 33:1-7

Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, **2** "Son of man, speak to the children of your people, your generation of believers and say to them: 'When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people (church) of the land take a man from their territory and make him their watchman (pastor), **3** when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people, **4** then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head. **5** He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be

upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life. **6** But if the watchman (pastor) sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people (church) are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's (pastor's) hand.' **:7** "So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman (pastor) for the house of Israel church; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them (church) for Me.

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3.) Here you stand.

A time of "great appointment".

John 16:33

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Matthew 10:16

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

The war strategy has been determined - The battle belongs to God.

For now, in the 21st Century, we are to engage in this struggle between good and evil because in the end, in some amazing way, when the LORD judges all of humanity - - your faithfulness here on earth will be used of God to:

- 1.) To glorify His name through the life that you lived.
- 2.) He will use your life's experience to reach others every day.

What does it mean to stand?

How are we supposed to stand?

What's at stake in our "Esther Moment" of history?

Ephesians 6:10-18

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. **11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against

principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. :14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end

Isaiah 41:13

For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

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4.) Here they fall.

The End of Wicked is a Foregone Conclusion.

Psalms 37:18-20

The LORD knows the days of the upright, And their inheritance shall be forever. **19** They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. **20** But the wicked shall perish; And the enemies of the LORD, Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish. Into smoke they shall vanish away.

Isaiah 3:11 NLT

But the wicked are doomed, for they will get exactly what they deserve.

Note the Difference Between the Two.

Psalms 33:10-12

The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. 11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations. **12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.**

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5.) Here we go.

Hebrews 10:36-37

For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: 37 "For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry.

**"You do not see God's name in the book of Esther
but you do see His hand at work."**

Our World May Seem Like There is No God Present

- or -

Our God is Present in This World.

At universal studios there is a ride there where you

are to put on special 3D glasses if you want to see what is otherwise not clear. I had my sunglasses on when we went in, but I quickly realized that the ride was a big rip-off. There was nothing special or cool – in fact, everything looked blurry.

After we got through the ride my family and friends were all giddy about the ride – I thought it stunk. But then someone in our party said;

"did you use your glasses or their glasses?"

Using God's Glasses, His word - You can see exactly what He wants you to see.

Just because your life suddenly appears to be in a state of disaster, do not panic. Your family may very well be under attack and your life may seem to be more trouble than what it's worth

– **Stop. drop and take cover!**

All of these things have been anticipated by God.

End of Study

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