

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

ESTHER 4

Text: Esther 4:14

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For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

Introduction:

Review the story of Esther. As we come to this chapter we find many in danger, and distress.

Note:

1. DESTRUCTION

- A. The problem - Attitude of the enemy
- B. The persecution - Attack of the enemy
- C. The plan - Approach of the enemy

2. DESTINY

- A. The Queen's disposal
- B. The King's decision
- C. Esther's destiny

3. DELIVERANCE

- A. The question to stand - before the king
- B. The qualification to make - a testimony to keep
- C. The quest to undertake - deliverance of a people.

1. We Must See The Danger Of Our Hour - Our Country

- a. Sinfulness of Society
- b. Shamelessness of Sinners
- c. Speechless of Saints
- d. Subtleness of Satan

2. We Must See the Division of Our Hearts - Our Compromise

- a. The division of our lives
- b. The dulness of our light
- c. The demands of our liberties
- d. The danger of our love's

3. We Must See the Duty Of Our House - Our Church

- a. We must understand our single purpose - please the Lord
- b. We must understand our strategic place - a world of darkness
- c. We must understand our source of power
- d. We must remember our Savior's promise - the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

4. We Must See The Direction Of Our Hope - Our Comfort

a. The Lord lifts up those that have fallen (Job 22:29)

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When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, There is lifting up; and he shall save the humble person.

God lifts the humble not the haughty.

b. The Lord listens to those who are feeble (1 Peter 5:7)

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Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

c. The Lord looks for those who are faithful (2 Chron. 16:9)

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For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

d. The Lord longs for those who finish (2 Tim 4:6-8, Ps 116:15)

2 Tim. 4:6-8

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. [7] I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: [8] Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Psalms 116:15

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Close:

For such a time as this - we are to stand.