

Deputation

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... "for such a time as this?"

Est 4:14 *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?*

The fate of the Jews seems to be in the hands of Queen Ester and no doubt she did play a very significant role in their deliverance. We must always remember that God has his watchful eyes upon their every move. God had a great plan for Israel just as he did for Adam and Eve, but sin caused God to judge the world.

- God's Plan...
- God's calling...
- God's provision...
- God's providence...

This lifelong journey will forge the path that others will take. As Judson and others said at the end of their lives about the Bible translation they did, we did our best, but there will be others that will make it better. Those that will follow us may be smarter and have access to tools we only dreamed of but all of them will have to trust the God that called them and promised to see them through their journey of life as a missionary.

Mordecai and Ester will have to trust God for their deliverance and not only for theirs but for the nation Israel. We can see the picture of missions here in this little book. There is a world that is being consumed by sin and destruction and are oblivious of it. We plea to the King, King Jesus to use us to reach them with the truth of His love to save them from sure destruction.

The story....

God is not mentioned....

Prayer is not mentioned...

Pagan world...

Heathen king mentioned 192 times...by his name Ahasuerus or title.

Israel is out of the will of God...but God takes notice and writes a book about it. His plan is perfect for the circumstance.

God will call those that he will use to bring about his will.

His provisions will always amaze us, could be just a few fish and loaves of bread or a widow's mite or a host of angels.

We see God's Providence...Providence is how God directs all things. God will provide... just as he did for Abraham and Isaac

Israel is in a foreign land...

Wicked Haman...Satan's man...plan...control....

Mordecai and his cousin Esther.... They are not praying for God's help...no mention of prayer in this book. But God is in control.

We see God's man for deliverance.... God will use you.

As we have looked at this story and its importance (life and death) may you as you start your deputation journey see it as "*for such a time as this*".

It is the beginning of a long and seemingly never-ending journey that will be welcomed...loathed...tolerated...and blessed.

- I. **A Time of Sharing**...standing before the church
- II. **A Time for Preparation**...be ready
- III. **A Time of Reaping**...your request to the church
- IV. **A Time of Growing**...if I perish, I perish
- V. **A Time of Giving**...giving and receiving from the church
- VI. **A Time of Reality**... expectations from you and the church
- VII. **A Time of Going**...ready, set, go