

Esther - Sunday Notes

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Esther 4:14, ... *And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for **such a time as this?***"

The Story of Esther:

Esther 1:10, *On the seventh day, when King Xerxes was in high spirits from wine, he commanded the seven eunuchs who served him... 11 to bring before him Queen Vashti, wearing her royal crown, in order to display her beauty to the people and nobles, for she was lovely to look at.*

Esther 2:8, *When the king's order and edict had been proclaimed, many young women were brought to the citadel of Susa and put under the care of Hegai. Esther also was taken to the king's palace and entrusted to Hegai, who had charge of the harem.*

Esther 2:12, *Before a young woman's turn came to go in to King Xerxes, she had to complete twelve months of beauty treatments prescribed for the women, six months with oil of myrrh and six with perfumes and cosmetics. 13 And this is how she would go to the king: Anything she wanted was given her to take with her from the harem to the king's palace.*

Esther 2:17, *Now the king was attracted to Esther more than to any of the other women... So he set a royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.*

Practical Applications of Esther for Us:

- **God Is Always at Work AROUND US**
- **Your Past Doesn't Decree (Determine) YOUR FUTURE**

Esther 2:7, *Mordecai had a cousin... This young woman, who was*

also known as Esther, had a lovely figure and was beautiful. Mordecai had taken her as his own daughter when her father and mother died.

- **Be Open to WISE COUNSEL**

Esther 2:15, *When the turn came for Esther...to go to the king, she asked for nothing other than what Hegai, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the harem, suggested.*

- **The World Will Hate You When You Don't BOW DOWN**

Esther 3:5, *When Haman saw that Mordecai would not kneel down or pay him honor, he was enraged. 6 Yet having learned who Mordecai's people were, he scorned the idea of killing only Mordecai. Instead Haman looked for a way to destroy all Mordecai's people, the Jews, throughout the whole kingdom of Xerxes.*

- **God Wants to Use YOU**

Esther 4:14, *For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"*

- **We Need EACH OTHER**

Esther 4:15, *Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: 16 "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king..."*

- **Faithfulness to God Requires Real COURAGE**

Esther 4:16, *...When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish."*

- **God Blesses Us When We Live for the Benefit of OTHERS**

Esther 10:3, *Mordecai the Jew was second in rank to King Xerxes, preeminent among the Jews, and held in high esteem by his many fellow Jews, because he worked for the good of his people and spoke up for the welfare of all the Jews.*