

# Esther

*For Such a Time as This*  
**“God's Promises and Imperfect People”**

**INTRO:** *Today we begin a four week study of an inspiring tale from the Old Testament that reveals that even when we can't "see" Him, God is sovereignly working to fulfill His promises.*

**I. God has made \_\_\_\_\_ to His \_\_\_\_\_ people.** *God's Old Covenant people was the Nation of Israel. God's New Covenant people is the Church. God has made promises to both.*

**II. Difficult \_\_\_\_\_ may appear to threaten God's \_\_\_\_\_.** *In our story, Israel was living in exile under God's discipline for unrepentant idolatry.*

**III. Trust God in difficult circumstances: God works through \_\_\_\_\_ people to fulfill His \_\_\_\_\_ (1:1-2:23).** *Mordecai and Esther were imperfect people through whom God would work to fulfill His promises.*

**A. God works through \_\_\_\_\_ people.** *Mordecai and Esther did not believe God's promise of a homeland created just for them.*

**B. God works through \_\_\_\_\_ people.** *Both hid their Jewish identity. Esther married a pagan.*

**C. God works through \_\_\_\_\_ people.** *There is no mention of God, prayer, or obedience to the Law.*