

Esther

*For Such a Time as This.
Imperfect People, Providentially Placed*

INTRO: *Our imperfect exiled "heroes," Mordecai and Esther, were introduced last week. Still hiding her ethnicity, Esther is now Queen. The plot thickens with the introduction of the "villain" named Haman. An unexpected twist engages Mordecai in an age-old battle against Haman.*

I. God has made _____ to His _____ people.

God chose Israel and promised to bless those who blessed her and curse those who cursed her (Gen. 12:3). Now that a large remnant of Israel was living in Persian exile, would that promise still hold true?

II. People may view themselves as _____ agents in the fulfillment of God's _____.

Do frail individual lives really matter to a sovereign God and His eternal purposes for a Covenant people?

III. Trust God: To fulfill His promises, God uses imperfect people, _____ (3:1-4:17).

Mordecai and Esther were imperfect people yet God providentially positioned them where He could sovereignly work through them.

A. _____ is providentially placed.

No one is insignificant in the Kingdom. A person plans his course but the Lord directs His steps (Proverbs 16:9)

B. Knowledge of our placement's _____ will require _____ with God's people.