

Esther

For Such a Time as This
“Employing Common Means”

INTRO: *The "villain" Haman persuaded King Ahasuerus to sign an edict allowing for the annihilation of the Jews. Mordecai entreated his cousin, Queen Esther, to plead their case before the king. Would she be allowed an audience? How would God use Esther to fulfill His promises to Israel?*

I. God has made _____ to His _____ people.

Would God's promise to preserve and protect Israel (Gen.12:3) still hold with many of God's Old Covenant people still living in Persia?

II. Believers may view their resources as too _____ to be used by God in fulfilling His _____.

But common things are uncommonly powerful in the right hands.

III. Trust God: To fulfill His promises, God uses imperfect people, providentially placed, _____

_____ (5:1-6:14). *What could Esther use to get the King to respond benevolently towards her people?*

A. Nothing is so _____ that it cannot be used by _____. Even the most common of things and activities are effective tools in His sovereign hands.

B. _____ must be surrendered to God.

What do you hold in your hands that God can use? Give it up. Let it go. throw it down.