

YOUR “SUCH A TIME AS THIS”

“For as soon as man satisfies his desire by obtaining what he wants, he starts to desire something else and finds himself empty again; and if he satisfies his desire with this, he becomes empty once again and ready for still another.” Gregory of Nyssa

Mordecai told the messenger to reply to Esther, “Don’t think that you will escape the fate of all the Jews because you are in the king’s palace. If you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will come to the Jewish people from another place, but you and your father’s family will be destroyed. Who knows, perhaps you have come to your royal position for such a time as this.” (Esther 4:13-14)

Once again, on the second day while drinking wine, the king asked Esther, “Queen Esther, whatever you ask will be given to you. Whatever you seek, even to half the kingdom, will be done.” Queen Esther answered, “If I have found favor with you, Your Majesty, and if the king is pleased, spare my life; this is my request. And spare my people; this is my desire. For my people and I have been sold to destruction, death, and annihilation.” (Esther 7:2-4)

Look up

He ordered them to celebrate the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Adar every year because during those days the Jews gained *relief from their enemies*. (Esther 9:21-22)

“Remember what the Amalekites did to you on the journey after you left Egypt. They met you along the way and attacked all your stragglers from behind when you were tired and weary. They did not fear God. When the Lord your God gives you rest from all the enemies around you in the land the Lord your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance, blot out the memory of Amalek under heaven. Do not forget.” (Deuteronomy 25:17-19)

This is what the Lord of Armies says: ‘I witnessed what the Amalekites did to the Israelites when they opposed them along the way as they were coming out of Egypt. (1 Samuel 15:2)

For while we were still helpless, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. (Romans 5:6)

Look around

If you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will come to the Jewish people from another place... (Esther 4:14)

Reflection Question:

Where has God positioned you to be a blessing to others?

Scripture from the CSB unless noted.