

ESTHER: YOU WERE MADE FOR THIS MOMENT

4: GOD'S PERFECT TIMING — ESTHER 7 AND 8

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I. HAMAN'S HORRIBLE CONSPIRACY IS EXPOSED - ESTHER 7

1. Queen Esther's request (v.1-4)
2. King Xerxes reaction (v.5-7a)
3. Wicked Haman's destiny (v.7b-10)

II. GOD "FLIPS THE SCRIPT" - ESTHER 8

1. Mordecai becomes Prime Minister (v.1-2)
2. Esther appeals to the king (v.3-6)
3. The king issues a new decree (v.7-14)
4. The Jews celebrate (v.15-17)

III. “TAKE AWAYS” FROM ESTHER 7 AND 8

1. Trust that God is still in control

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Romans 8:28 (NLT)

2. Understand that no one's getting away with anything

Make no mistake about this: You can never make a fool out of God. Whatever you plant is what you'll harvest.

Galatians 6:7 (GWT)

3. Be mindful of God's presence in my life

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand...For I hold you by your right hand—I, the LORD your God. And I say to you, 'Don't be afraid. I am here to help you.

Isaiah 41:10-23 (NLT)

4. Believe that God has His perfect timing

Even the youths shall be exhausted, and the young men will all give up. But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:30-31 (TLB)

5. Remember that with the Lord there is always hope

Those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy.

Psalms 126:5 (NLT)