



OLD TESTAMENT • HISTORY

Esther

Courage and providence in a threatened community

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The big picture

Esther, a Jewish woman in the Persian court, faces a crisis when Haman plans the destruction of her people. Mordecai calls her to use her position despite the personal risk. Through reversals, courage, and carefully chosen action, the threat is overturned. Though God is not explicitly named, the story invites reflection on providence, responsibility, and the cost of remaining silent.

Words to carry

“And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

Esther 4:14 • KJV • excerpt

Live it

01 Notice whose wellbeing is affected by your position or influence.

02 Seek wise support before a courageous conversation.

03 Use a real opportunity to speak for someone at risk.

Pause & reflect

Where might my present circumstances carry a responsibility to act?

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