

# For Such a Time as This!

*Esther 4.1-17*

***Individuals alter the course of history***

## **1. Universal Grief, vs 1-8**

- ***one man's personal grief, vs1-2***  
***horrified, responsible for it***
- ***the people's grief v3***  
***threats close ranks***
- ***private, puzzled grief v4-8***
  - ***treat symptoms, discover causes***
  - ***be trustworthy - like Hathach***  
***2 Cor 4.1-2; Mat 25.14-30***
  - he relayed the facts, v7***
  - he provided proof, v8***
  - he urged Esther to act, v8***

## 2. A Unique Opportunity, vs 9-17

- **she saw only difficulties, vs9-11**  
**no progress without obstacles**  
**rewards are for risk takers**  
**Phil 2.30**
- **he saw great possibilities, vs12-14**  
**a warning – you'll die! v13**  
**an assurance – God will act v14**  
**a suggestion – your destiny v14**
- **she saw she needed help, vs15-17**
  - **from fellow believers v16**  
**their prayers 2 Cor 1.8-11**
  - **from God**  
**to open the king's heart**

**fasting – indicates our priorities,  
and earnestness**

**Lev 16.29-20; Luke 18.12; 5.34-35**

**Acts 13.1-3; 14.23**

- **time to stand up and be counted,  
trusting God Dan 3.16-18**