

RUTLAND STREET CHURCH
SERMON SERIES

Esther

YOU HAVE COME TO THE ROYAL
POSITION FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS



**By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we
remembered Zion.**

**There on the poplars we hung our harps, for there our
captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs
of joy; they said, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!”**

Psalm 137: 1-3


**How can we sing the songs of the LORD
while in a foreign land?**

If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill.


**May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth
if I do not remember you,
if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy.**

Psalm 137: 4-6

Does anybody care?



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After these events, King Xerxes honored Haman son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, elevating him and giving him a seat of honor higher than that of all the other nobles. All the royal officials at the king's gate knelt down and paid honor to Haman, for the king had commanded this concerning him.

Esther 3:1-2



When Haman saw that Mordecai would not kneel down or pay him honor, he was enraged. Yet having learned who Mordecai's people were, he scorned the idea of killing only Mordecai. Instead Haman looked for a way to destroy all Mordecai's people, the Jews, throughout the whole kingdom of Xerxes.



“Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?”

Mordecai to Esther (Esther 4:12-14)

“Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish.”

Esther to Mordecai (Esther 4:16)

**But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.**

Ephesians 2:13

God Cares
So should you

Kia atawhai