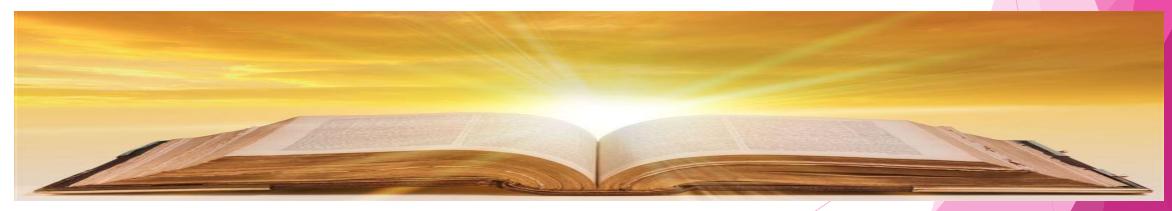


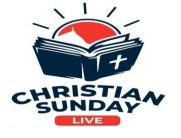
The Unseen Hand of God in the Lives of Esther and Ruth





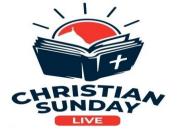
Anchor Verse

Esther 4:14: "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?"



Divine Appointment and Action in the Book of Esther

- Esther 2:15(NIV): When the turn came for Esther (the young woman Mordecai had adopted, the daughter of his uncle Abihail) to go to the king, she asked for nothing other than what Hegai, the king's eunuch who was in charge of the harem, suggested. And Esther won the favor of everyone who saw her.
- ► Esther 2:16(NIV): She was taken to King Xerxes in the royal residence in the tenth month, the month of Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.



Divine Appointment and Action in the Book of Esther



- Esther 2:17(NIV): Now the king was attracted to Esther more than to any of the other women, and she won his favor and approval more than any of the other virgins. So he set a royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.
- ▶ Esther 2:18 (NIV): Then the king gave a great banquet, Esther's banquet, for all his nobles and officials. He proclaimed a holiday throughout the provinces and distributed gifts with royal liberality.



For Such a Time as This



Psalm 102:13 (NIV) "You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to show favor to her; the appointed time has come."



Beyond Boasting: Embracing Humility and Godly Wisdom



Jeremiah 9:23 (NIV) "This is what the Lord says: 'Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches."



Navigating the Path of Self-Control

- Proverbs 20:1 (NIV): "Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise."
- □ Proverbs 23:20 (NIV): "Do not join those who drink too much wine or gorge themselves on meat.



FAITH

- Ruth 1:16: "But Ruth replied, 'Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.'"
- Esther 4:16: "Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.





COURAGE

- Ruth 2:2: "And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter."
- ■Esther 4:16b: "...and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish."



DIVINE SOVEREIGNTY

- □ Ruth 2:12: "The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust."
- Esther 4:14: "For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"



TWO REMARKABLE WOMEN



- Esther and Ruth: Unique in the Bible
- Ruth: A Gentile who joined Israel
- Esther: A Jewess in a foreign court
- ▶ Both instrumental in saving Israel



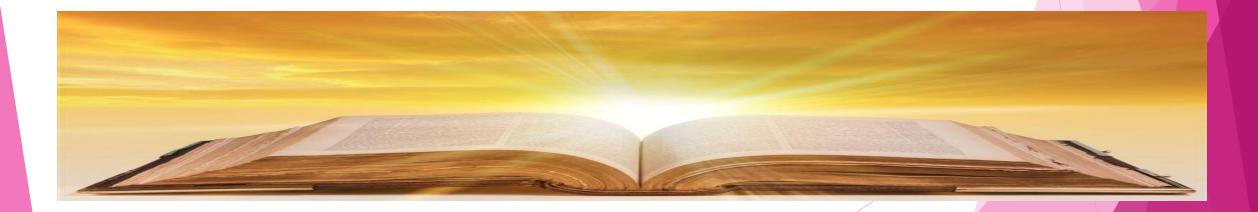
The Sovereignty of God

- ► Hebrews 11:1(NIV) "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."
- ► Ruth 2:12(NIV) "May the LORD repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge."





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- Read your Bible, pray everyday if you want grow, obey the commandments of our Lord Jesus and shun evil companions!
- ▶ Remember God loves you!!!

