

## Queen For Such A Time As This Esther 2-10

## **Lesson 91 Visuals**

- Mordecai was Esther's much older cousin who raised her like his own daughter.
- Mordecai overheard two of the king's officials plotting to kill the king.
- After Queen Esther told the king about the plot, the two men who plotted to kill the king were hanged on the gallows.
- Recorded in the King's Historical Record was the fact that Mordecai stopped the plot to kill the king.
- The king promoted Haman to be his highest official and command everyone to bow down to him.
- But Mordecai refused to bow down to Haman.



- When Haman found out that Mordecai would not bow down to him and that he was a Jew, Haman planned to destroy all the Jews in the kingdom.
- The king gave his signet ring to Haman so that he had the authority to make laws.
- Mordecai urged Esther to ask the king to stop the destruction of the Jews.
- If Esther went to the king and he did not welcome her by extending his gold scepter, she would be killed.
- Mordecai said to Esther: "Who knows, perhaps you have come to your royal position for such a time as this."
- Esther told Mordecai that they all should fast and pray for three days.
- Esther said, "I will go to the king and if I perish, I perish."
- The king extended his gold scepter toward Esther, showing he was welcoming her.



- Esther did not immediately ask the king to stop this law that ordered the killing of the Jews.
   Instead, she invited the king and Haman to attend a banquet.
- At her first banquet for the King and Haman,
  Esther asked for the king and Haman to attend another banquet the next day.
- Haman was so happy that he was the only one besides the king who was invited to Esther's banquets. But seeing Mordecai put Haman in a terrible mood.
- Haman's wife and friends told Haman to build gallows to hang Mordecai on.
- While the king couldn't sleep, he learned that Mordecai had stopped the plot to kill the king.
- Haman thought the king wanted to honor him (Haman) so he told the king exactly how he wanted to be honored.



- Haman then had to clothe and parade Mordecai around as he yelled, "This is what is done for the man the king wants to honor."
- At Esther's second banquet for the king and Haman, Esther asked the king to spare her life and the life of her people. Esther said Haman had devised this evil plan.
- Haman was hanged on the 75 feet tall gallows that Haman had built for Mordecai.
- The Jews overpowered those who hated them.
- And Mordecai became second only to King Ahasuerus.