

# ESTHER

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

**Title: Redeemed from Darkness**

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**Key Scripture: Esther 2:5-23**

1) God's redemption is a process.

- God's redemption is accomplished but not yet completed.

2) God's redemption is complex.

- God's redemption is worked out through a broken people in a broken world to bring about His good will.

3) God is present and at work in the darkness.

- The purpose of God's redemption is to unite all things perfectly in Jesus Christ for the glory of God in the fullness of time.



### Three implications for today ...

- A) Don't lose hope, God is not done.
- B) Don't fear, God is sovereign.
- C) Don't miss the work God has for you.

### Scripture to Pray

#### Psalm 31:1-5

"In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me! Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me! For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me; you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God."

### From the Resources

"The similarity of Esther's position to that of Daniel and his three friends, exiled and incorporated into the imperial system, highlights also what is different about them. Daniel and his three friends stood up to the empire, quietly but firmly requesting permissions to be faithful to their own believe by eating the royal food (Dan. 1:8-16). Esther had apparently no ethical qualms about eating the empire's food ... and following Mordecai's advice, her Jewishness remained perfectly concealed.

Reformed Expository Commentary (Esther and Ruth)  
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