


# Such a Time as This

*The Book of Esther*



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1 After these events King Ahasuerus promoted Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him and established his authority over all the princes who were with him. 2 All the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down and paid homage to Haman;



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for so the king had commanded concerning him. But Mordecai neither bowed down nor paid homage. 3 Then the king's servants who were at the king's gate said to Mordecai, "Why are you transgressing the king's command?" 4 Now it was when they had spoken daily to him and he would not listen to



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them, that they told Haman to see whether Mordecai's reason would stand; for he had told them that he was a Jew. **5** When Haman saw that Mordecai neither bowed down nor paid homage to him, Haman was filled with rage. **6** But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him



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who the people of Mordecai were; therefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, who were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus. 7 In the first month, which is the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, Pur, that is the lot, was cast before Haman from day to



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day and from month to month, until the twelfth month, that is the month

Adar. **8** Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from those of all other people and they do



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not observe the king's laws, so it is not in the king's interest to let them remain.

9 "If it is pleasing to the king, let it be decreed that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who carry on the king's business, to put into the king's treasuries."

# Hamman



**Haman**

**and**

**Mordecai**

**Haman's focus on  
his enemy's  
destruction  
destroyed him.**

**Our own  
jealousies can  
consume us.**

**Our own jealousies  
can consume us,  
and only God can  
forgive us.**