

# Setting Your Heart

on the

# Kingdom



## ESTHER

### *The Esther Spirit*

*(The Power of Influence from Within Dark Kingdoms)*

Esther 3 - 4

Esther's heart was breaking. Her world was collapsing before her very eyes. She had been a Jewish orphan in Persia during the exile but, through an unexpected turn of events, she was exalted to royalty—replacing Vashti as Queen! Then, just when all seemed well, tragedy struck. Haman, the powerful ruling official of the empire, devised an insidious plot to massacre all the Jews in the land. In desperation, Mordecai, Esther's adopted father, appealed to her for help. She was the only person on earth who could avert the horror that was about to befall the Jews. Anxiously, she paced back and forth agonizing over what she should do. If she revealed her Jewish identity and approached the king on behalf of her people, she could be killed. But if she waited, her people would surely die. Then came Mordecai's searching question. *Who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?*

Dear saint, God knows the future before it happens. In His wondrous providence, He works behind the scenes to turn evil into good. *The Lord strategically sets people in influential places before the evil day occurs. Then, at the right time, He calls upon them to effect change.* Esther not only saved her people, but she also influenced her stepson, Artaxerxes, to allow the Jews to return to Jerusalem. And even more, he encouraged the rebuilding of the Jewish Temple—at Persian expense (Ezra 7:11-13, 21)!

*The "Esther Spirit"—it's a divine anointing that influences the dark kingdoms of this world for God's cause.* Observe the strategy of Esther:

1. She recognized God had given her favor with those in authority.
2. She was responsive to the counsel of spiritual eldership.
3. She committed herself to represent God's rule—no matter what!
4. She entered into world systems for the intention of influence.
5. She kept her true motives hidden until the right opportunity. Then she used her favor to change the system for God's purpose.

Do you believe God has given you a mission similar to Esther's? *Remember, He sets you in strategic places—but you must choose to step forward! Who knows? Perhaps you have come to the Kingdom for such a time as this.*

**Next: The Kingdom of God in Job... When God Answers With Questions!**

