

# Such A Time As This: The Book of Esther



# Esther 4:11

<sup>11</sup> “All the king’s servants and the people of the king’s provinces know that for any man or woman who comes to the king to the inner court who is not summoned, he has but one law, that he be put to death, unless the king holds out to him the golden scepter so that he may live. And I have not been summoned to come to the king for these thirty days.”

*\*All Scriptures from 1995 New American Standard*

# Esther 4:14

<sup>14</sup> For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?"

# Esther 4:16

<sup>16</sup> “Go, assemble all the Jews who are found in Susa, and fast for me; do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maidens also will fast in the same way. And thus I will go in to the king, which is not according to the law; and if I perish, I perish.”

# Such A Time As This: Prayer, Patience, and Pride



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➤ Esther stands before the king.



# Esther 5:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Now it came about on the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace in front of the king's rooms, and the king was sitting on his royal throne in the throne room, opposite the entrance to the palace.

# Esther 5:1-2

<sup>2</sup> When the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, she obtained favor in his sight; and the king extended to Esther the golden scepter which *was* in his hand. So Esther came near and touched the top of the scepter.

# Esther Chapter 5



➤ The king's kindness and  
Esther's request.

# Esther 5:3-4

<sup>3</sup> Then the king said to her, “What is *troubling* you, Queen Esther? And what is your request? Even to half of the kingdom it shall be given to you.”

# Esther 5:3-4

<sup>4</sup> Esther said, “If it pleases the king, may the king and Haman come this day to the banquet that I have prepared for him.”



# Esther Chapter 5



➤ Their banquet, with Haman.

# Esther 5:5-8

<sup>5</sup> Then the king said, “Bring Haman quickly that we may do as Esther desires.” So the king and Haman came to the banquet which Esther had prepared.

# Esther 5:5-8

<sup>6</sup> As they drank their wine at the banquet, the king said to Esther, “What is your petition, for it shall be granted to you. And what is your request? Even to half of the kingdom it shall be done.”

# Esther 5:5-8

<sup>7</sup> So Esther replied, “My petition and my request is:

<sup>8</sup> if I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and do what I request, may the king and Haman come to the banquet which I will prepare for them, and tomorrow I will do as the king says.”

# Esther Chapter 5



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➤ Haman's joy turned to anger.



# Esther 5:9

<sup>9</sup> Then Haman went out that day glad and pleased of heart; but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate and that he did not stand up or tremble before him, Haman was filled with anger against Mordecai.

# Esther Chapter 5



➤ Haman shares his glory and anger with his wife and friends.

# Esther 5:10-13

<sup>10</sup> Haman controlled himself, however, went to his house and sent for his friends and his wife Zeresh.

<sup>11</sup> Then Haman recounted to them the glory of his riches, and the number of his sons, and every *instance* where the king had magnified him and how he had promoted him above the princes and servants of the king.

# Esther 5:10-13

<sup>12</sup> Haman also said, “Even Esther the queen let no one but me come with the king to the banquet which she had prepared; and tomorrow also I am invited by her with the king.

<sup>13</sup> Yet all of this does not satisfy me every time I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king’s gate.”

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➤ Their plans against Mordecai.



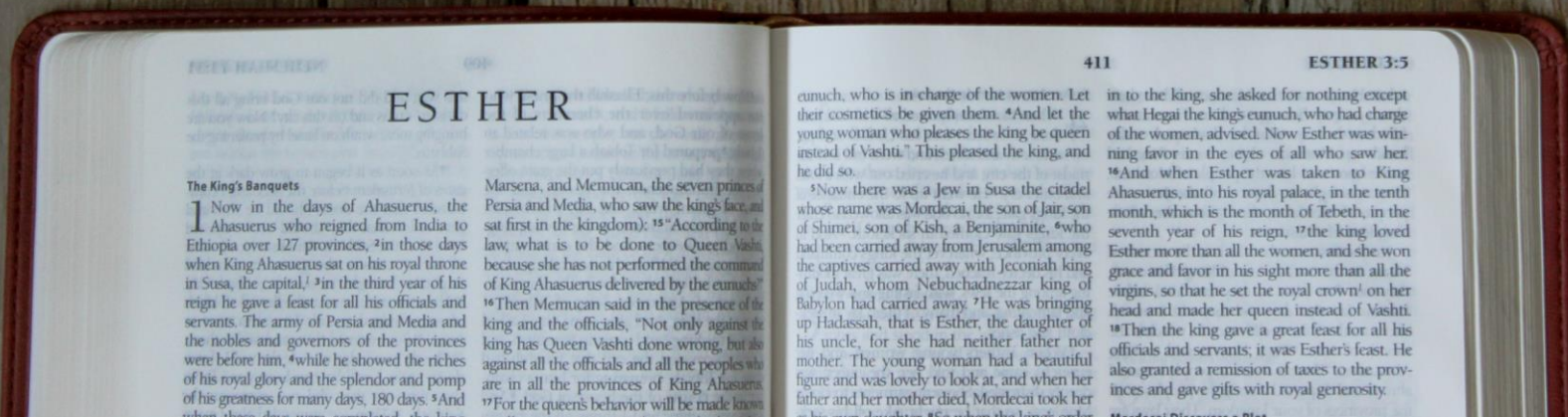
# Esther 5:14

<sup>14</sup> Then Zeresh his wife and all his friends said to him, “Have a gallows fifty cubits high made and in the morning ask the king to have Mordecai hanged on it; then go joyfully with the king to the banquet.” And the advice pleased Haman, so he had the gallows made.

# Esther 2:23

<sup>23</sup> Now when the plot was investigated and found *to be so*, they were both hanged on a gallows; and it was written in the Book of the Chronicles in the king's presence.

# Some Things We Notice

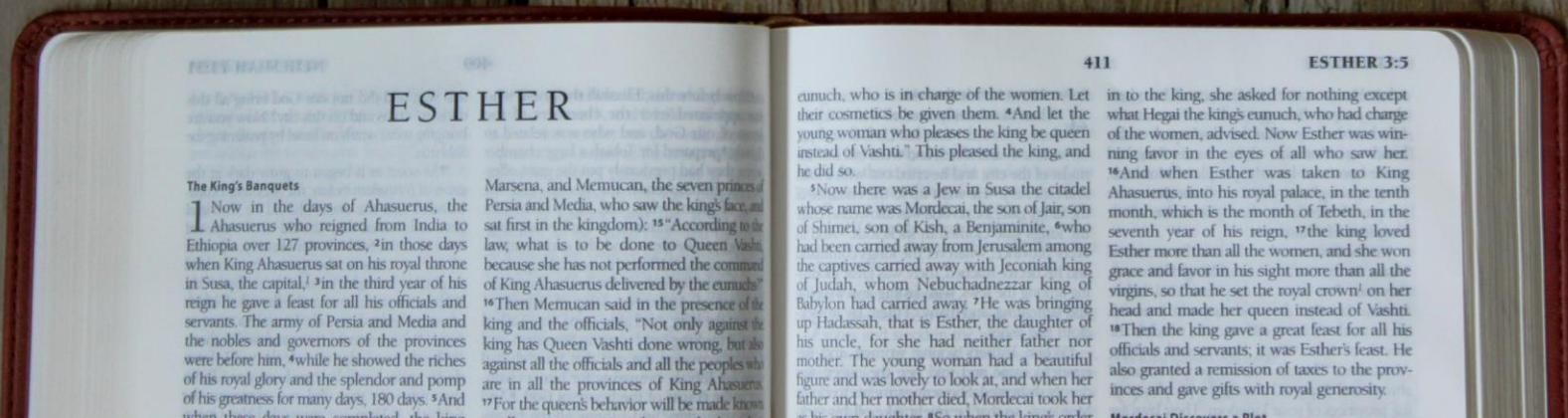


1) How you treat people may lay the groundwork for God's plan.

# Luke 6:31

<sup>31</sup> Treat others the same way you want them to treat you.

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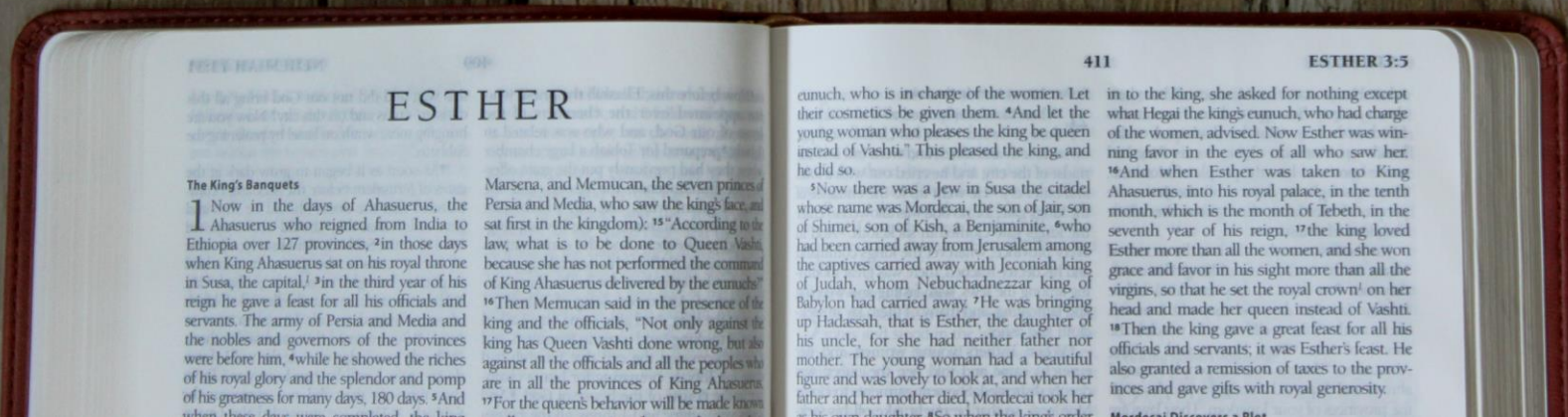
2) Like Esther, let's be sure to unite boldness with prayer,



# Psalm 127:1

<sup>1</sup> Unless the LORD builds the house,  
They labor in vain who build it;  
Unless the LORD guards the city,  
The watchman keeps awake in vain.

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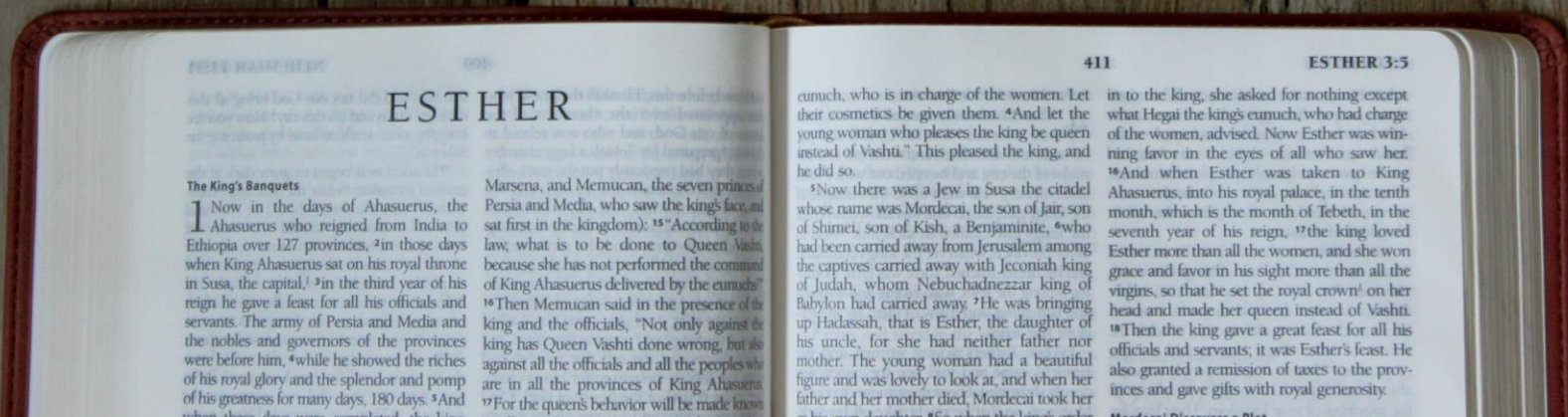


2) Like Esther, let's be sure to unite boldness with prayer, patience,

# Isaiah 40:31

<sup>31</sup> Yet those who wait for the LORD  
Will gain new strength;  
They will mount up *with* wings like  
eagles,  
They will run and not get tired,  
They will walk and not become weary.

# Some Things We Notice



2) Like Esther, let's be sure to unite  
boldness with prayer,  
patience, and wisdom.

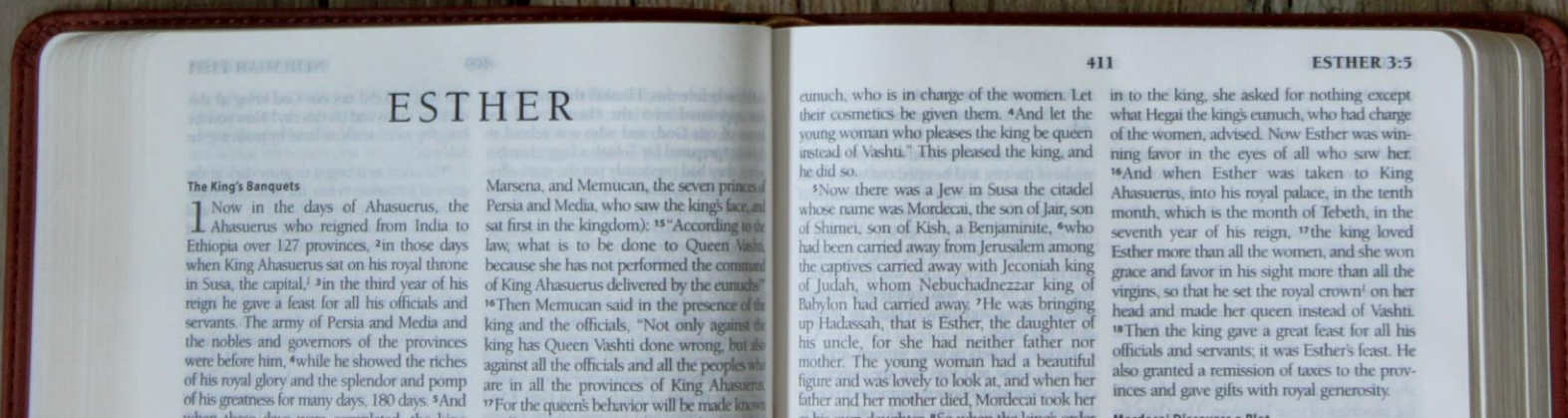
# Colossians 4:5-6

<sup>5</sup> Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity.

<sup>6</sup> Let your speech always be with grace, *as though* seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.



# Some Things We Notice



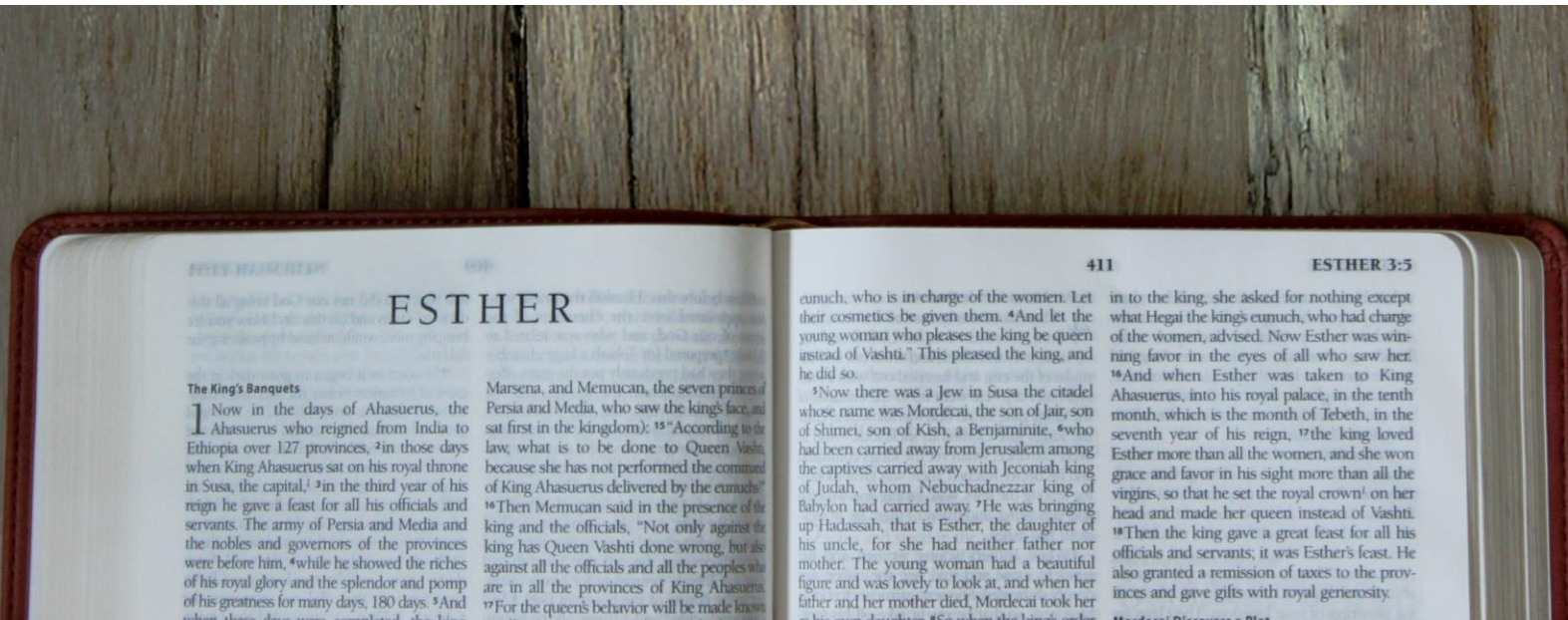
3) Count your blessings,  
but don't be arrogant.

# Romans 12:16

<sup>16</sup> Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.

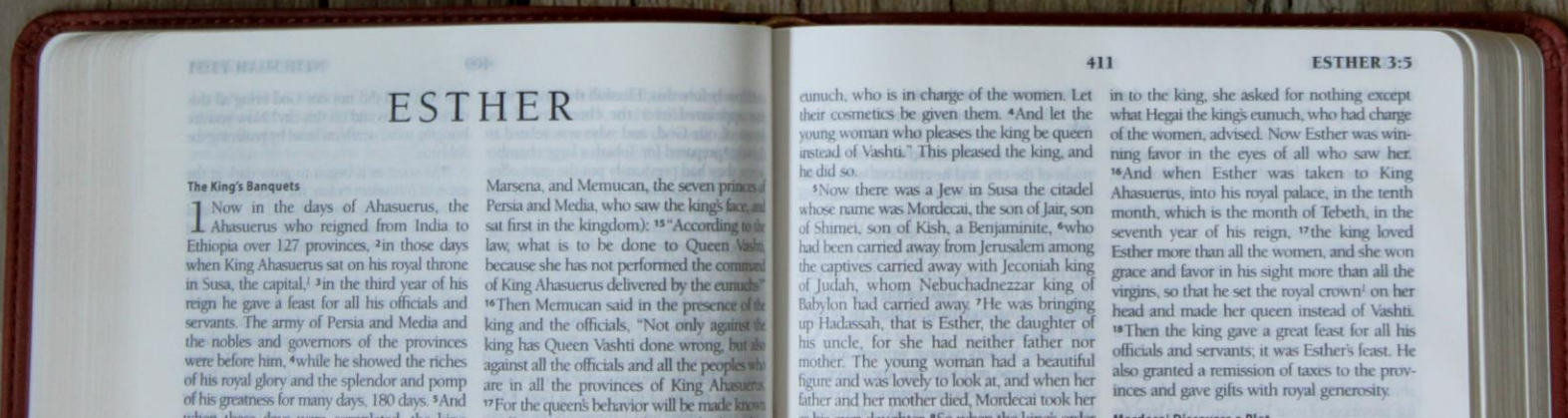


# Some Things We Notice



4) Don't let other people rob your joy.

# Some Things We Notice



5) God hates when our heart devises wicked plans.

# Proverbs 6:16-19

<sup>16</sup> There are six things which  
the LORD hates,  
Yes, seven which are an  
abomination to Him:

<sup>17</sup> Haughty eyes, a lying tongue,  
And hands that shed innocent blood,

<sup>18</sup> A heart that devises wicked plans,  
Feet that run rapidly to evil,

# Proverbs 16:18

<sup>18</sup> Pride *goes* before destruction,  
And a haughty spirit before stumbling.

Let's fill our heart with the  
right things!

