

Prophecy: In Your Test of Promotion, You Will Prevail

Have you been experiencing spiritual warfare lately? Does it feel like there are blockades and obstacles in your way? Have things been difficult? Listen: This is happening because you have just been promoted!

Promotion time is here. On Thursday, , at sundown, we entered a brand-new Hebrew calendar month, Adar. Adar means completion and is known as the month of joy.

It is the 12th month on the ecclesiastical calendar, which started at Passover in 2020. During this month, the Jewish people celebrate Purim. Purim this year is sundown, Thursday, Feb. 25 through Friday, Feb. 26, when the Jewish people remember how Esther went boldly before the king to share Haman's evil plan for the annihilation of the Jewish people. Esther risked her life to properly position the Jews and their nation to be saved.

God gave her favor and a plan. Just like God prepared, promoted and put her in a place "for such a time as this," He is doing the same for you, for the purpose and destiny that He has called you to.

Mordecai, Esther's cousin, told her about what would happen to the Jewish people if she did not speak up. These were the words that invited Esther to her place of promotion. They were words to save her nation. We are never truly promoted until we are faced with a situation where we have to stand for righteousness. There are steps to promotion, and Esther's first steps were coming into the palace and being purified for a year before seeing the king. The second promotion was when she was asked to stand in her position to save her people. Your promotion is not just about you; it is about others too.

Esther 4:12-14 reads, "So all the words of Esther were told to Mordecai. Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, 'Do not think that in the king's palace you will be more likely to escape than all the other Jews. For if you remain silent at this time, protection and deliverance for the Jews will be ordained from some other place, but you and your father's house shall be destroyed. And who knows if you may have attained royal position for such a time as this?'"

We need to remember the importance of our promotion as we see the increase in spiritual warfare and our response to it. The enemy always wants to push back whenever we get promoted. Let's not forget that in January we gave God our first fruits and consecrated ourselves before Him. He brought us to capacity and expanded us upon a strong foundation. You've gone to the next level! This is why you feel the friction in the spirit realm. You have been given a greater responsibility than you have ever had before.

God has properly positioned you—not to sit around like royals—but to minister to a remnant. He has given you a sphere of influence to use the power He has given you to make changes. You must open your mouth! God has given you a voice and His Word. When you speak, it's like a spark of God that releases and ignites things. You can change a nation.

Promotion comes with a test that proves we walked into the promotion. The enemy is prepared to convince you that this promotion didn't happen, that you're not good enough or that you couldn't possibly be called to do this. He tries to get involved in the things of God and the progression of the Lord. He tries to push it back by bringing hinderances.

Let's go back to Esther. What did she do? Esther 4:15-16 reads, "Then Esther replied, sending back to Mordecai: 'Go, gather all the Jews who can be found in Susa, then fast for me. Stop eating and drinking for three days, night or day. I and my young women will fast likewise. Only then would I dare

go to the king since it is not allowed by law, and if I perish, I perish.'"

She asked her people to fast and pray for her for three days and nights. They joined in agreement that she would obtain the strength needed to go before the king. If she didn't go, she and her people would perish. The secret to getting past the pushback of the enemy is to step into heavenly places. We must operate in the joy of the Lord. Remember, you're a citizen of heaven, and the joy of the Lord is your strength (Nehemiah 8:10).

So be encouraged! You have stepped into a new season, a new time and place where God is using you in a mighty way. Do not shrink back. The righteous do not shrink back; they live by faith. No matter the opposition, press forward. The enemy cannot take your promotion. There is joy in His presence, and that is what it's going to take for you to fulfill your purpose and destiny.

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