

Roar: It's Time for Esther's Decree!

"...Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?" (Esth. 4:14, NKJV).

You have a testimony and a story to tell – one that is unique. It may not have felt like it lately. Perhaps you have been quiet for a season; yet there is still a message working on the inside of you and it is about to burst forth. Your voice is powerful and your presence matters.

When a Passing Word Becomes a Password

In the Bible, no word is wasted. At times, the Holy Spirit points out a verse we have frequently passed over and He says, "Pay attention!" When that happens, what seemed to be a passing word becomes a password. It becomes a *NOW* word – one that has the power to break us into new territory.

An example of this is the final verse of chapter 9 in Esther. Yet, it's easy to miss – like the flourish on the signature of a book:

"So the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim, and it was written in the book" (Esth. 9:32, NKJV).

That single moment represented the huge leap God gave a young woman, through His favor, to:

- Become the queen of a kingdom;
- Be instrumental in saving a nation;
- Have her story told in Scripture.

It is a decree that became known as "the decree of Esther"! This is what I believe the Lord is saying about the day we are living in, right here and now: It's time for Esther's decree! God is releasing the sound of favor through your life.

Esther's Decree: 3 Keys to Release Your Roar!

There are many great lessons from the book of Esther but the following three points stand out to me right now.

1. Realize Your Heritage Holds Power

In this climactic moment, the Bible describes Esther as the daughter of Abihail.

“Then Queen Esther, the daughter of Abihail, with Mordecai the Jew, wrote with full authority to confirm this second letter about Purim” (Esth. 9:29, NKJV).

In the whole book of Esther, this is only the second time her natural father's name is mentioned (see also Esther 2:15). Why is her natural father named here? Because there was power in her lineage. Esther's identity – that she was a Jewess – was kept secret for much of this story. Yet her identity was like her *superpower* – a secret weapon!

God reserved the knowledge of her Jewish heritage for a critical moment – when everything hinged on it. He guided her to wait until the moment when the tables were turned and Esther revealed the enemy of the Jews (Esth. 7:6).

God is Restoring Joy to Cultural Identity

At that time in history, many people looked down upon Esther's culture. However, in God's eyes, her family line was significant. By the end of the book of Esther, the Jews were celebrating and others wanted to join them (Esth. 8:17). Esther represented and became a voice for people who could not speak for themselves.

Perhaps, it feels as though, somewhere along the way, you lost your voice or you felt closed down.

Who you are, where you have come from – your heritage and your identity – are significant!

God knows you intimately, loves you passionately and has positioned you *for such a time as this*.

He delights in your cultural identity and is awakening your joy over it, for it is the Father's joy!

2. Know Your Royal Identity

"Then Queen Esther, the daughter of Abihail, with Mordecai the Jew, wrote with full authority to confirm this second letter about Purim" (Esth. 9:29, NKJV).

The name Abihail means "My Father is might or Father of strength." We saw the grace and authority that came to Esther, as she knew (and valued) her identity. This flowed through her actions.

Over and above this, Esther was a daughter of God. I believe the name Abihail contains a message for us today about our spiritual heritage: Our God is the Father of might.

Today, you can step into every situation knowing who your Father is. You are in God's kingdom, in the royal bloodline, and you have a kingdom family.

Esther was an orphan but she had a family and did not act alone – she had Mordecai as an advisor. There were many around her who loved and looked out for her. Plus, she had her people – other Jews in the city – to call on who surrounded her with community fasting.

3. Raise Your Voice in a Prophetic Decree!

One of the themes of the book of Esther is the power of decree. A decree is defined as "an official order that has the force of law." The book of Esther wraps up as she and Mordecai collaborated to send out a decree to their people, the Jews (Esther 9). From that point forward, their children's children would retell the story of how they overcame the enemy.

So, what does this mean for us? When we make a decree in Jesus' name, it is an order that carries the weight of kingdom authority. And a prophetic decree has creative power because it voices God's intention (Matt. 6:10). So raise your voice and cry, "Let there be!"

Release Your Roar Today

Your voice is powerful and your presence matters. It was favor that made a way for Esther to petition the king for the lives of her people. One of the amazing things about the favor of God is that it paves the way for your destiny.

God is giving you a voice! It is your roar. It will defeat the enemy and it will establish peace and order. So rise up, child of God, and release your roar today.

It's time to resound with favor and to know your voice matters for God has destined you to be a history-maker.

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