

# Purple People Leader

“Activating Your Leadership Potential Everyone Has It, Find It, Use It!”

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## -Tidbits on book of Esther-

17<sup>th</sup> book in the Bible ▪ 10 chapters ▪ God takes care of His people ▪ uses influence for good of others ▪ one of only two books in the Bible named after women ▪ 540 years BC ▪ ten-year span of time ▪ name of God not mentioned ▪ key characters; Xerxes, Esther, Mordecai, Haman

*“Those who are short-tempered do foolish things...”* **Prov. 14:17 NLT**

*“It is better to be patient than powerful; it is better to have self-control than to conquer a city.”*

**Prov. 16:32 NLT**

*“Mordecai told him the whole story, including the exact amount of money Haman had promised to pay into the royal treasury for the destruction of the Jews. Mordecai gave Hathach a copy of the decree issued in Susa that called for the death of all Jews. He asked Hathach to show it to Esther and explain the situation to her. He also asked Hathach to direct her to go to the king to beg for mercy and plead for her people. So Hathach returned to Esther with Mordecai’s message. Then Esther told Hathach to go back and relay this message to Mordecai: ‘All the king’s officials and even the people in the provinces know that anyone who appears before the king in his inner court without being invited is doomed to die unless the king holds out his gold scepter. And the king has not called for me to come to him for thirty days.’ So Hathach gave Esther’s message to Mordecai. Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: ‘Don’t think for a moment that because you’re in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?’ Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: ‘Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die.’ So Mordecai went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.”*  
**Esther 4:6-17 NLT**

- **God will \_\_\_\_\_ you with someone else.**

*“Don’t think for a moment that you will escape there in the palace when all other Jews are killed.”* **Esther 4:13 NLT**

*“If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die.”* **Esther 4:14 NLT**

*“I will build my church.”* **Matt 16:18**

*"If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done."* **Eccl. 11:4 NLT**

*"Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act."* **Psalm 37:5 RSV**

- **You could miss out on your \_\_\_\_\_**

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*"Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"*

**Esther 4:14 NKJV**

*"What's more, who can say but that you have been elevated to the palace for just such a time*

*as this?"* **Esther 4:14 NLT**

*"...I will bless you... so that you will be a blessing."* **Genesis 12:2 ESV**

**"You will never accomplish your mission by remaining idle" --Tommy Barnett**

**Next Steps:** 1. Take the Plunge, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>! 2. Be a Small Group Leader. 3. Make a Missions Pledge.  
4. Attend Holy Spirit 3.0

**Translations Used:** **KJV**=King James Version, **NLT**=New Living Translation, **RSV**=Revised Standard Version, **NKJV**=New King James Version, **ESV**=English Standard Version

**Resources:** *Purple Cow* and *The Dip* by Seth Godin. [www.sethgodin.com](http://www.sethgodin.com)