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## Lesson Overview

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<b>Biblical Passage</b>	Esther 4:1—5:3
<b>Supporting Passages</b>	Esther 2:15-17; 3:8-11
<b>Memory Verse</b>	Esther 4:14
<b>Biblical Truth</b>	God strategically placed Esther in a position to provide deliverance for the Jews.
<b>Context</b>	<p>The kingdoms of Israel and Judah had both fallen, and many Israelites had been taken away from their homeland and settled in other parts of the Assyrian Empire. Persia later conquered Assyria, and displaced Jews found themselves under Persian rule. These Jews would soon be exterminated by a devious plan, and Esther was God's provision for their deliverance. God had elevated her to royalty to fulfill His purposes. Although Esther risked her life by entering the king's presence, she courageously requested his help to spare her people.</p>