

## “Mordecai's Plan”

### Esther 4:1-14

- I. **CALAMITY: "mourning among the Jews" (vv.1-3)**
  - A. **Recognition:** "Mordecai...wailed loudly" (v.1)
  - B. **Restriction:** "went as far as the king's gate" (v.2)
  - C. **Reaction:** "there was great mourning" (v.3)
- II. **COMMUNICATION: "Esther...Mordecai" (vv.4-15)**
  - A. **Informed:** “Esther's maidens/eunuchs...told her” (v.4)
    - 1. Travail: "queen writhed in anguish" (v.4a)
    - 2. Trouble: "sent garments to clothe Mordecai" (v.4b)
  - B. **Investigated:** "Esther summoned Hathach" (vv.5-9)
    - 1. Responsibility: "ordered him to go to Mordecai" (v.5)
    - 2. Report: "told him all that had happened" (vv.6-8)
    - 3. Reply: "related Mordecai's words to Esther" (v.9)
  - C. **Insecurity:** "one law...the golden scepter" (vv.10-11)
  - D. **Insight:** "attained royalty for such a time?" (vv.12-14)
    - 1. Danger: "Do not imagine that you ...can escape" (vv.12-13)
    - 2. Destruction: "remain silent...you/house will perish" (v.14)