In God's Hands #2

"Supernatural Protection"

The Book of Esther

"Who Knows if perhaps you were made queen FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS? \sim Esther 4: 14b

Review of God's 2 HANDS of Providence ~

- ► The Right Hand of God: <u>ADVANCES</u> His Salvation Plan
 - He also PROTECTS His plan from the forces of anti-glory.
 - AKA, "keeping His covenants" with the CHURCH and ISRAEL.
 - AKA <u>PRESERVATION</u> of His <u>WILL</u> for the world.
- ► The Left Hand of God: How He keeps His PROMISES to us.
 - Events of unpredictable FAVOR.
 - AKA your personal <u>BLESSING</u> in the Lord.

ESTHER REVISITED: Preserve Israel from annihilation. Factoid: The word "God" is not mentioned in Esther.

► Jewish maiden wins Persian beauty contest.

Becomes Queen of Persia, but keeps ethnicity a secret.

- **►** Cousin Mordecai saves King from assassins. (left hand).
- ➡ Haman the Agagite takes power; plots to destroy the Jews.

The Forces of Anti Glory: AMALEKITES Ex. 17:14-16 // I Sam. 15:7,8

- **▶**Queen Esther called upon "For Such a Time as This"
- ► Esther prepares banquet; Haman plans Hanging!
- ► King honors Mordecai; executes Haman on his own petard.

Bottom Line: Don't <u>MESS</u> with Israel.

Our Present Calling: Proclaim the Gospel For Such a Time as This!

- ► The Lord will PREVAIL.
 - Consequently, we prevail.
- **►**The Lord will <u>VINDICATE</u>.
- Consequently, we are vindicated. BOTTON LINE: God wins!! ~ Rom. 8:37