

"... and who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14)

"... if I perish, I perish" (Esther 4:16)

"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' But for this purpose I have come to this hour." (John 12:27) "But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." (1 Cor. 2:7-8)

"He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in [the cross]." (Col. 2:15)

"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for usfor it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree" — so that in **Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham** might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith."

(Gal. 3:13-14)