The story of Esther is one of most well-known stories of the Bible. Through the providence of God she became Queen of the pagan Persian Empire. As events unfolded she realized God had placed her in the palace for a specific time and purpose so He could use her to save her people and provide them hope in a seemingly hopeless situation. God placed her in that position “for such a time as this.” And in the turmoil of our world may we find hope in the fact that God has people where He wants them “for such a time as this.”

**HOW TO HAVE HOPE IN SUCH A TIME AS THIS**  Esther 4:12-13 (Title slide)

**I IDENTIFY the real ENEMY** (Slide 1)

**II TURN your ENEMY over to GOD** (Slide 2)

**III Do not FALL into SIN on account of your ENEMY** (Slide 3)

**CONCLUSION**

Understanding hope:

1. **POSITIVE CHANGE** may not happen **QUICKLY** (Slide 4)
2. **POSITIVE CHANGE can HAPPEN** (Slide 5)