Esther 4 • How God Works in the World

1. Introduction
	1. An Agagite is a descendant of King of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, ruler of the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** whom **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** failed to completely conquer per God’s orders. (See 1 Sam. 15)
	2. The Amalekites as descendants of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and the Jews as descendants of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** embodies the strife between the elder and the younger.
	3. Haman – the descendant of Agag – is a major type of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, a king beside the Euphrates River who seeks to eradicate God’s people through **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
2. (v.1-3) This is both the complete spiritual and physical **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of God’s people.
3. (v.4-12) Mordecai’s personal example is that personal **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** will have be undertaken.
4. (v.13-17) Mordecai’s counsel:
	1. He appeals to her inner thoughts and feelings to do the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
	2. He points out she will eventually be **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and suffer the same fate.
	3. He emphasizes that whether or not she remains silent, God will **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** His people. Therefore He will **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** her as well if she speaks up.
	4. He proposes this is the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** God had in mind for her all along.
	5. Taken altogether: Esther is not queen for her own **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** but for God’s **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**; therefore she **IS** in the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** place at the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** time.
5. (v.13-17) Esther’s response: She got people involved **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**. However God would use her, she did not want to do so without **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** support. She will approach the King of Heaven in the same manner as the king of the earth: “**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**”. (Est. 5:4; 5:8)
6. How God Works in the World
	1. ***Disobey vs. Plan***: We can **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** the natural order and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** God’s commands.
	2. ***Demand vs. Pray***: We can assume that we **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** what is needed and expect God to agree and answer our prayers **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
	3. ***Despair vs. Trust & Obey***: We can assume God doesn’t **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** prayer or **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to our needs and live as though there is nothing but the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.