

Esther: Turning Points



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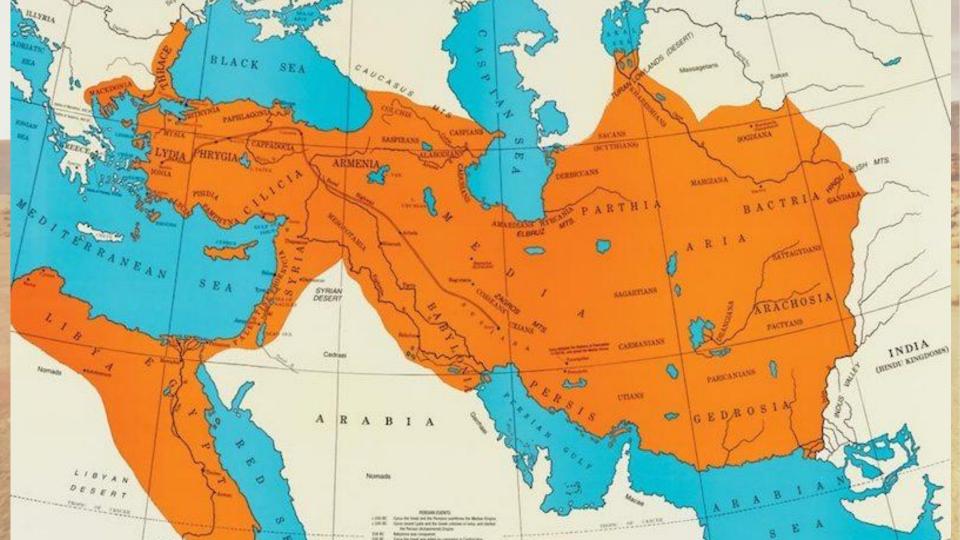
Definition: a time at which a decisive change in a situation occurs, especially one with beneficial results.

Synonyms: crossroads, critical moment, decisive moment, moment of truth, landmark

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Ephesians 2:8–10 (ESV)

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.



- Good goes unrewarded
- Evil People are Elevated

Job 21:7

⁷Why do the wicked live, reach old age, and grow mighty in power?

Jeremiah 12:1

Righteous are you, O Lord, when I complain to you; yet I would plead my case before you. Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why do all who are treacherous thrive?

Crisis is an Opportunity in disguise

We are not to choose jobs and conduct our work to fulfill ourselves and accrue power, for being called by God to do something is empowering enough. We are to see work as a way of service to God and our neighbor, and so we should both choose and conduct our work in accordance with that purpose. The question regarding our choice of work is no longer "What will make me the most money and give me the most status?"

The question must now be "How, with my existing abilities and opportunities, can I be of greatest service to other people, knowing what I do of God's will and of human need?"

Timothy Keller Every Good Endeavor (p. 67).

2. An Opportunity to Take

- The Problem is Real
- · You can Play a Part
- Who knows...?

3. A Glimmer of Hope



