Everyone who has studied the book of Esther loves it. The story of an orphan child, except for Mordecai of course, taken into slavery and through circumstances not of her own, she becomes Queen of the nation.

When the King’s evil commander decided to destroy what was left of the Jews, Mordecai called Esther to conference and told her of the matter. He suggested she intervene on their behalf. And in so doing he made this statement, “For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then will relief and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place, but thou and thy father’s house will perish: and who knoweth whether thou art not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:14 Emphasis mine) One version says, “How do you know?”

No one could have predicted these circumstances would arise for this little Jewish maid. And no one can explain the opportunities you might face. Ever wonder how you got where you are from where you were, say, 20 years ago?

My friend and benefactor, the late Batsell Barrett Baxter, believed that God had a plan for every person. In fact he wrote a book about it.

The providence of God is a magnificent and mysterious thing at times. Since we do not know His designs, we cannot know the things in His providence that bring us to certain places and stages in life.

Like Esther, sometimes we find ourselves in situations we never dreamed of, and don’t know what is going to happen. While we might not have a Mordecai to advise us, we should know that it might be an opportunity to do something great.