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The Right Moment

(Esther 6:12-7:10 NIV)



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The Grief Of Opposing God

6:12 Afterward Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman rushed home, with his head covered in grief, ¹³and told Zeresh his wife and all his friends everything that had happened to him.

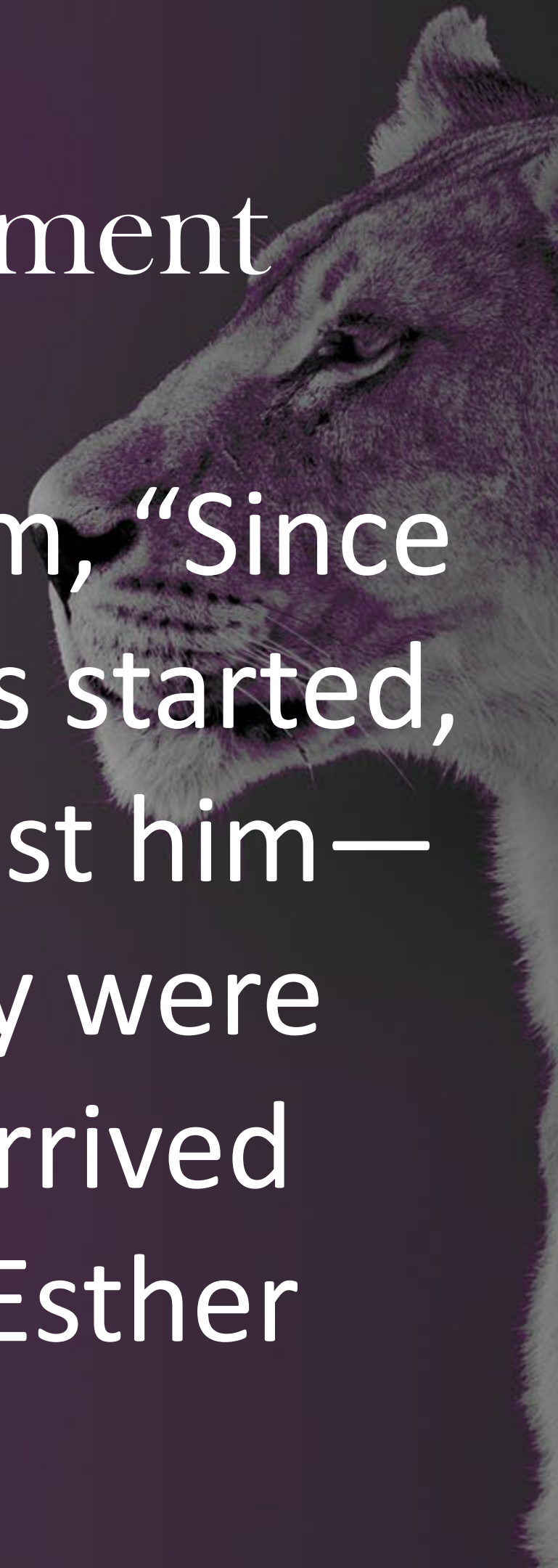


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His advisers and his wife Zeresh said to him, “Since Mordecai, before whom your downfall has started, is of Jewish origin, you cannot stand against him—you will surely come to ruin!”¹⁴ While they were still talking with him, the king’s eunuchs arrived and hurried Haman away to the banquet Esther had prepared.



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The Favor Of Trusting God

7:1 So the king and Haman went to Queen Esther's banquet, 2 and as they were drinking wine on the second day, the king again asked, "Queen Esther, what is your petition? It will be given you. What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be granted."

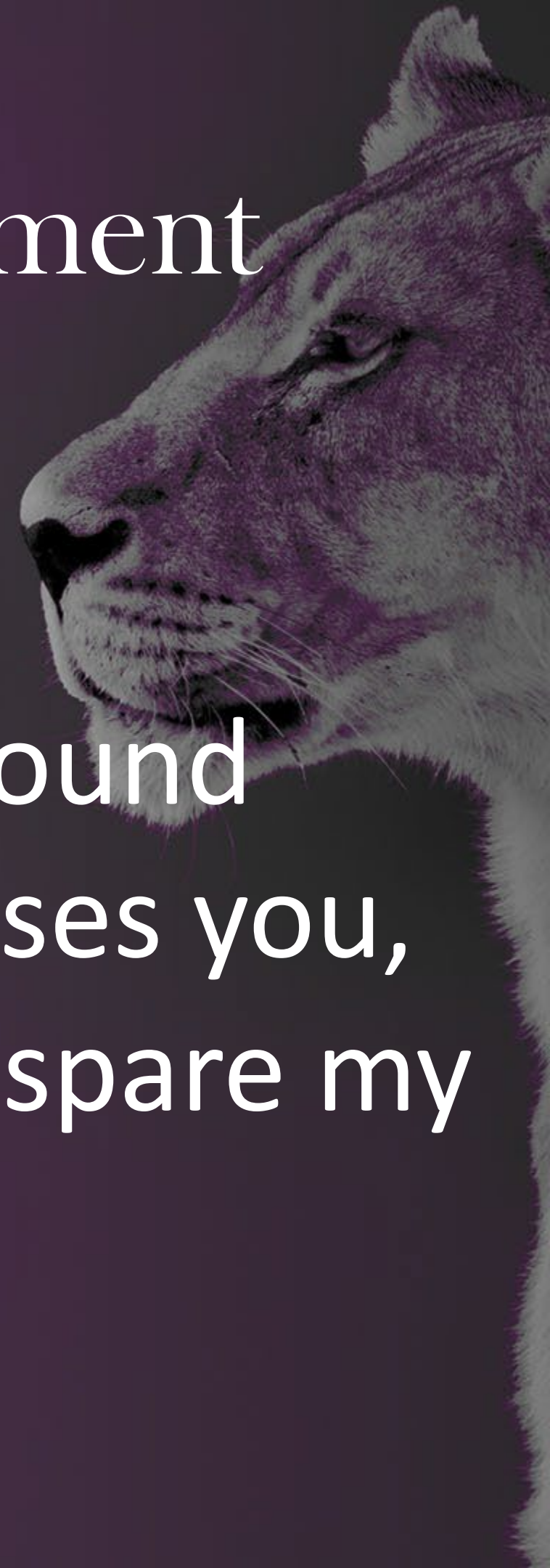


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Knowing Both What And When

³Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have found favor with you, Your Majesty, and if it pleases you, grant me my life—this is my petition. And spare my people—this is my request.



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⁴For I and my people have been sold to be destroyed, killed and annihilated. If we had merely been sold as male and female slaves, I would have kept quiet, because no such distress would justify disturbing the king.”



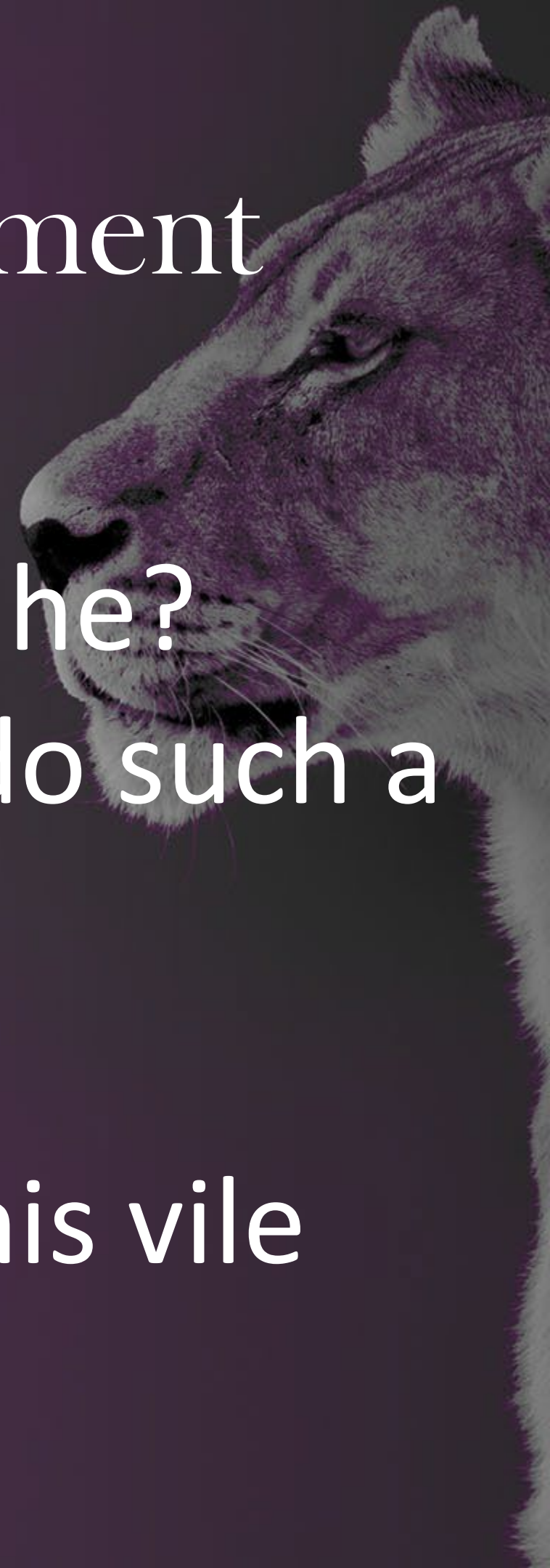
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⁵King Xerxes asked Queen Esther, “Who is he?
Where is he—the man who has dared to do such a
thing?”

⁶Esther said, “An adversary and enemy! This vile
Haman!”



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Then Haman was terrified before the king and queen. ⁷The king got up in a rage, left his wine and went out into the palace garden.



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God Appreciates Irony

But Haman, realizing that the king had already decided his fate, stayed behind to beg Queen Esther for his life.



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⁸Just as the king returned from the palace garden to the banquet hall, Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was reclining.



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The king exclaimed, “Will he even molest the queen while she is with me in the house?”

As soon as the word left the king’s mouth, they covered Haman’s face.

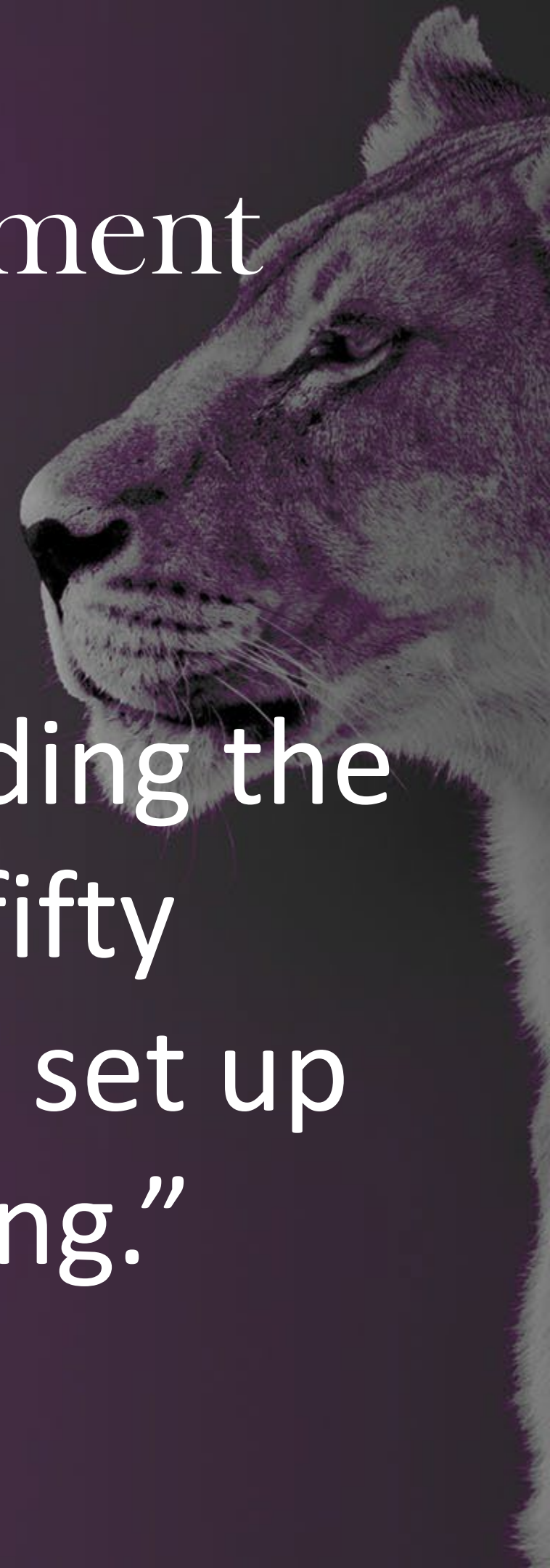


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⁹Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs attending the king, said, “A pole reaching to a height of fifty cubits stands by Haman’s house. He had it set up for Mordecai, who spoke up to help the king.”



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The king said, “Impale him on it!” ¹⁰So they impaled Haman on the pole he had set up for Mordecai. Then the king’s fury subsided.



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