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How did Esther come to know about the plan? (<u>Esther 4:4-9</u>)	How did Esther come to know about the plan? (<u>Esther 4:4-9</u>)
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What did she say that showed her trust in God's sovereignty?	What did she say that showed her trust in God's sovereignty?
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Additional Notes:	<u>Additional Notes</u> :
Internet Resources: <u>The Bible Project: Esther Overview;</u>	<u>Internet Resources: The Bible Project: Esther Overview;</u>
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