

# Esther 9

Jesus

## Name of God not in the entire Book of Esther yet...

God's manifold Grace, Works, Wisdom... seen on every page revealing His Purpose and Plan

- **First decree** Drafted by Haman called for annihilation of all Jews on certain day
- **Second decree** Drafted by Mordecai w/King's authority allows them to fight back

## The Day of Battle is fast approaching...

**Esther 8:15** So Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, with a great crown of gold and a garment of fine linen and purple; and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad. 16 The Jews had **light and gladness, joy and honor.**

- **Quite a response to an upcoming battle?** Light, Gladness, Joy, Honor?
- **Reason? They knew the King was on their side...**

**Is there a point when we are actually excited/giddy about an upcoming battle?  
When we realize by faith that the King of Kings is on our side? Victory is sure?**

## I. God's Victory for God's People Great Reversal

**1** Now in the twelfth month, that is, the month of Adar, on the thirteenth day, **the time came for the king's command and his decree to be executed.** On the day that the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, the **opposite occurred**, in that the Jews themselves overpowered those who hated them.

### Enemies of the Jews hoped to overpower them?

Haman now dead...was not their only enemy

- **Spirit of Anti-Semitism** found throughout ages/throughout world
- Never difficult to find people who hate Jews. Why? **Satanically motivated...**
  1. **Satan is the ruler of this world** [2 Cor 4:4, John 12:31-32, 14:30, 16:11]
  2. **Satan hates God**...takes his hatred out on God's people...Christians/Jews
  3. **People of the Book/Word**...worshippers of YHWH
- **Revelation 13:** Satan possessed AC attacks Jews who are trying to escape...

**Revelation 13:15** So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, [Israel] that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. 16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. 17 And the **dragon was enraged with the woman** [Israel], and he went to make war with the **rest of her offspring** [Believers] ....

- **Satan hates Jews** because they are God's people [2/3 of all Jews killed in GT]
- **Satan been inciting** humanity to hate Jews since there were Jews [Pharaoh to KKK]

Enemies of Jews throughout world hoped to overpower them...but the opposite happened

**This is the account of that Great Reversal...**

**2** The **Jews gathered** together in their cities throughout all the provinces of

King Ahasuerus to lay hands on those who sought their harm. And no one could withstand them, because **fear of them fell upon all people.**

- **Fear of the Jews fell upon all people?**

**Application: We are not to fear the evil...Evil is to fear us!**

**1 John 4:4** You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because **He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.**

As we walk in the Authority of the King...by obeying the Word of the King  
**God will send His fear upon our enemies as He mobilizes the King's Army**

**3** And all the officials of the provinces, the satraps, the governors, and all those doing the king's work, helped the Jews, because the **fear of Mordecai** fell upon them. **4** For Mordecai was **great in the king's palace**, and his fame spread throughout all the provinces; for this man Mordecai became increasingly prominent.

- All the King's forces are at our disposal as we walk in authority/Word of the King
- Fear of Mordecai **walking in the authority of the King** rallied forces of King

We are Born-Again to enjoy Victory over the current Satanic World System

- **Victory over every temptation...**
  1. **Victory over** greed/pride/jealousy
  2. **Victory over** lust/drugs/alcohol/porn

**Ephesians 6:12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the **rulers of the darkness** of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. **13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, **to stand.**

- **Rulers of Darkness** don't stand a chance against **King of Light and His angels...**

**Psalms 24:8** Who is this King of glory? The **Lord strong and mighty**, The **Lord mighty in battle.** **9** [Lift up the gates...] And the King of glory shall come in. **10** Who is this King of glory? The **Lord of hosts**, He is the King of glory.

- **Lord of Hosts:** Invisible [sometimes visible] Angel Army of the Lord.

**2 Samuel 5:24** [God told David to watch for 'em] And it shall be, when you hear the sound of **marching in the tops of the mulberry trees**, then you shall advance quickly. For then the Lord will go out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines."

As we walk in the Authority of the King...by obeying the Word of the King  
**God will send His fear upon our enemies...before the battle even begins**

**Exodus 23:28** ... I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before you.

**Deuteronomy 7:20** Moreover the Lord your God will send the hornet among them until those who are left, who hide themselves from you, are destroyed.

**Joshua 24:12** I sent the hornet before you which drove them out from before you, also the two kings of the Amorites, but not with your sword or with your bow.

**Its backwards thinking when we fear what evil will do to us**  
Evil should fear what God will do when we are attacked

**Romans 8:31** ... If [because/since] God is for us, **who can be [prevail] against us?**

- **Fear of the Jews:** Caused many to convert to His God Esther 8:17
- **Fear of Mordecai:** Rallied people to draw near the people of God

**The Fear of God is a Great Motivator to bring People to Him**

- **Early Church:** Ananias/Sapphira lie to Holy Spirit drop dead in front of people...

**Acts 5:11** So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.12 And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. 13 Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. 14 **And believers were increasingly added** to the Lord

- **The Church acting like the Church** will cause those who see to Fear God
- **Fear of God:** Separates true believers from make-believers

**A True Church should be a place where True Believers find each other  
Those the Fear God enough to Love those around them**

- Kings Army helps God's people fight enemies...

5 Thus the **Jews defeated** all their enemies with the **stroke of the sword**, with slaughter and destruction, and did what they pleased with those who hated them.

**Defeated with the stroke of the Sword.** There is no victory without the Sword...

**Ephesians 6:17** And take ... the **sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God...**

- How can we expect God's victory w/out knowing God's Rules of engagement?

**2 Timothy 2:4** No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. 5 And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes **according to the rules.**

**2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, **thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

- Defeated their enemies w/stroke of the Sword...

6 And in Shushan the citadel the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men. 7 Also Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha, 8 Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha, 9 Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai, and Vajezatha— 10 **the ten sons of Haman** the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews—they killed; but

they did not lay a hand on the plunder.

10 sons of Haman grandson of Agag descendant of Amalek descendant of Esau  
All pictures and types of **stinky rotten sinful nature passed down from Adam...**

**Kill Haman's 10 sons** but don't take his stuff?

Flesh should be so offensive/repulsive to us...that we **don't want even want to touch it**

**Jude 22** [Rescue those caught up in sin] ... on some have compassion, making a distinction; 23 but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, **hating even the garment** defiled by the flesh.

- Flesh should be offensive/repulsive odious to us in contrast w/ beauty of the Spirit
- **Esther's request shows us just how repulsive the flesh should be...**

11 On that day the number of those who were killed in Shushan the citadel was brought to the king. 12 And the king said to Queen Esther, "The Jews have killed and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the citadel, and the ten sons of Haman. What have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? **Now what is your petition?** It shall be granted to you. Or what is your further request? It shall be done." 13 Then Esther said, "If it pleases the king, let it be granted to the Jews who are in Shushan to do again tomorrow according to today's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged on the gallows." 14 So the king commanded this to be done; the decree was issued in Shushan, and they **hanged Haman's ten sons.**

- **Petition from Esther**

1. Give us another day to **finish the job**
2. **Hang Haman's already dead sons?** Little harsh?

**1 Samuel 15:33** [Prophet/Word] ...Samuel **hacked Agag** in pieces before the Lord in Gilgal.

OT a physical representation of an NT Spiritual Truth  
**We don't owe our flesh anything/never done anything for us**

- **Q.** What did it ever do for us? **A.** Made us slaves/ashamed of ourselves?

**Romans 6:20** For when you were slaves of sin... 21 What fruit did you have then in the things of **which you are now ashamed?** For the end of those things is death. 22 But now having been set free from sin... you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

- Esther says hang the 10 dead sons of Haman in her back yard

15 And the Jews who were in Shushan gathered together again on the fourteenth day of the month of Adar and killed three hundred men at Shushan; but they **did not lay a hand on the plunder.** 16 The remainder of the Jews in the king's provinces gathered together and protected their

lives, had rest from their enemies, and killed seventy-five thousand of their enemies; but they **did not lay a hand on the plunder**. 17 This was on the **thirteenth day of the month of Adar**. And on the fourteenth of the month they rested and made it a day of **feasting and gladness**.

- **13<sup>th</sup> day of month of Adar:** lit. glorious:
- Day of Feasting/Gladness presence of defeated enemy...

**After the last enemy death is defeated:** Feasting/Gladness forever w/ the Lord

**Psalm 23:5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

**SUMMARY God's Victory for God's People**

## **II. Feast of Purim Book Summary**

**18** But the Jews who were at Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth *day*, as well as on the fourteenth; and on the fifteenth of *the month* they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. **19** Therefore the Jews of the villages who dwelt in the unwalled towns celebrated the fourteenth day of the month of Adar *with gladness and feasting, as a holiday, and for sending presents to one another.*

- Celebrated the day God gave them victory over enemies

**20** And Mordecai wrote these things and sent letters to all the Jews, near and far, who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, **21** to establish among them that they should celebrate **yearly the fourteenth and fifteenth** days of the month of Adar, **22** as the days on which the Jews had rest from their enemies, as the month which was turned from sorrow to joy for them, and from mourning to a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and joy, of sending presents to one another and gifts to the poor.

- **Mordaciid sends out letters:** Yearly 2-day Celebration in Israel Adar 14-15

**23** So the Jews accepted the custom which they had begun, as Mordecai had written to them, **24** because Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to annihilate them, and had cast Pur (that is, the lot), to consume them and destroy them; **25** but when **Esther came before the king**, he commanded by letter that this wicked plot which Haman had devised against the Jews should return on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows. **26** So they called these days Purim, after the name **Pur**. Therefore, because of all the words of this letter, what they had seen concerning this matter, and what had happened to them, **27** the Jews established and imposed it upon themselves and their descendants and all

who would join them, that without fail they should celebrate these **two days every year**, according to the written instructions and according to the prescribed time, 28 that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city, that these days of Purim should not fail to be observed among the Jews, and that the **memory of them should not perish among their descendants.**

### Feast of Purim

**That the Memory of God's Victory would never perish from our dinner table**

- **Remembering God's Victories...**

**Joshua 4:1** [take 12 Stones from the Jordan to the other side] ... **6** that this may be a sign among you when your **children ask** in time to come, saying, 'What do these stones mean to you?' 7 Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a **memorial to the children** of Israel forever." ... **24** [And] that **all the peoples of the earth** may know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty, that you may **fear the Lord your God forever.**

For our children/the world to know how God intervened  
Stones of remembrance most important when time get tough

**Joshua 4:9** Then Joshua set up twelve stones in the **midst of the Jordan**, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood; and they are there to this day.

Joshua also set up a pile of memorial stones in the very bed of the river Jordan, so that when it was lowered in a season of drought, those stones could be seen and would testify of the time that God had completely dried up the Jordan. Especially in a time of drought, we need to remember the great things God has done. [Guzik]

- **Something tangible to remember:** Diary, pictures, rocks, a card...
- Talk to our kids/neighbors about the **faithfulness of God**

29 Then Queen Esther, the daughter of Abihail, with Mordecai the Jew, wrote with full authority to confirm this second letter about Purim. 30 And Mordecai sent letters to all the Jews, to the one hundred and twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, with words of peace and truth, 31 to confirm these days of Purim at their appointed time, as Mordecai the Jew and Queen Esther had prescribed for them, and as they had decreed for themselves and their descendants concerning matters of their fasting and lamenting. 32 So the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim, and it was written in the book.

- **Esther sends 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter:** Confirming yearly Celebration of Purim
- **Purim?** Lot. Haman had cast lots for the day of slaughter 3:7

**SUMMARY Feast of Purim**