



ESTHER: *God's silent sovereignty*

Esther 8-9:19

Introduction

The story

Destined for destruction

Defeated their destroyers

Lessons from our story

► **Self defense**

- ❖ Proverbs 24:11—*Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter.*
- ❖ Exodus 22:2—*If a thief is found breaking in and is struck so that he dies, there shall be no bloodguilt for him*
- ❖ Luke 11:21—*When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe;*

► **God's great reversals**

1. The Lord gives the prosperity of the wicked over to the righteous.
 - ❖ Proverbs 13:22—*A good man leaves an inheritance to his children 's children, but the sinner' s wealth is laid up for the righteous.*
2. The Lord causes the enemies of God's people, to be united to God's people.
 - ❖ Esther 8:17—*many from the peoples of the country declared themselves Jews, for fear of the Jews had fallen on them*
 - ❖ Proverbs 9:10—*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight*
 - ❖ *Ephesians 2:11-22*
3. The Lord turns mourning and fasting into joy and feasting
 - ❖ *Hebrews 12:24*
 - ❖ Revelation 21:3-4—*Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.*
4. The Lord turns defeat and death into victory and life (Esther 9:1) (How does Jesus do this?)
 - ❖ Esther 9:1—*on the very day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to gain the mastery over them, the reverse occurred:the Jews gained mastery over those who hated them*



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- ❖ Hebrews 2:14-15—*that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.*

▶ **The gospel of Esther**