

THE PLAN CARRIED OUT

Esther 8:8 - 10:3

Even though the Jews' chief enemy had been destroyed, much still remained to be done before they could be saved from the fate Haman had designed for them. Read the following to see why this was true, and what was done to help them:

A. The New Law: Read Esther 8:3-17

1. What was the law that Haman had written? Esther 3:18

2. What was true of all the laws of Media and Persia? Daniel 6:8b, 12, 15b

3. Although Haman's law must still be obeyed, what did the king tell Esther she might do? Esther 8:8

4. What two things did the new law give the Jews permission to do? Esther 8:11b
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
5. How were copies of the law made? Esther 8:9

6. How were they sent out to all parts of the kingdom? Esther 8:10b, 14

7. How did the Jews feel after the new law was passed? Esther 8:15b, 16, 17a

8. What did many of the other people do because of this incident? Esther 8:17b

B. The Laws Carried Out: Read Esther 9:1-19

1. How long after Haman's law was Mordecai's law sent out? Compare Esther 3:12a with Esther 8:9a

2. How long after Mordecai's law was passed were both laws to be carried out? Compare Esther 3:9a with Esther 3:13b and 8:12

3. As the time drew near, how did all the people feel about the Jews? Esther 9:2b, 3b

4. Whose side did the rulers, lieutenants, deputies, and officers take? Esther 9:3a

5. When the fateful day arrived, which people did the Jews kill? Esther 9:2a

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6. How many were killed in the city of Shushan?
 - a. On the first day: Esther 9:12 _____
 - b. On the second day: Esther 9:15a _____
7. How many were killed in the rest of the kingdom? Esther 9:16a

7. What did the Jews have permission to do that they did not do? Esther 9:10b

C. The End of the Story of Esther: Read Esther 9:20 - 10:3

1. What did the Jews do the day after they had won the victory over their enemies? Esther 9:17, 18

2. How long did they decide to observe this special day? Esther 9:38

3. What two things were they to do on this day? Esther 9:22b
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
4. How is Esther pictured as the story closes? Esther 9:29, 32

5. How is Mordecai pictured? Esther 10:2-3

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Although the name of God is not mentioned in the story of Esther, in what specific parts is His hand seen guiding those in the story toward the accomplishment of His purpose, and toward a happy ending?

2. What would God like to do concerning the events of my life? Romans 8:28
