

The Decree of Life

Esther: Chapter Eight

A. Full Disclosure

1. A lot has happened in a short period of time and the day is not done, for the events of this chapter take place on the very same day as Chapter 7. (Esther 8:1a)
2. All Haman's possessions were given to Queen Esther. (Esther 8:1b)
3. The relationship between Queen Esther and Mordecai is disclosed to the king. (Esther 8:1c)
4. Mordecai rises to take Haman's place in the kingdom. (Esther 8:2)
5. This is another Divine providential move for God's purposes in His-story. (Prov. 21:1)

B. Continuing Threat

1. Esther went before the king again on account of her people. (Esther 8:3)
2. Again, the king extends _____ to Queen Esther as he held out the golden scepter as she sought the king's help in the matter concerning the Jews. (Esther 8:4)
 - What does this remind us of?
3. Esther asked for _____ to be written to cancel the first decree for she couldn't bear the thought of watching the slaughter of her people. (Esther 8:5-6)
4. The king's response was that they should write the new decree, however it seemed best to them, for _____ can cancel the original decree. (Esther 8:7-8)

C. The New Decree

1. The new decree offsets the original decree point by point with a few exceptions... (Esther 8:9-17)
 - _____ had passed since the first decree. (Esther 8:9)
 - Mordecai was the _____ of the new decree. (Esther 8:9)
 - It was addressed to the _____ as well as the other occupants of the kingdom. (Esther 8:9)
 - The Jews were allowed to protect themselves and their property. (Esther 8:11)
 - The urgency of this decree is seen by the fact that it was given so that the Jews would be _____ for the attack. (Esther 8:13)
 - The seriousness is seen by the _____ that Mordecai is described in. (Esther 8:15)
 - The reception of this decree is quite different from the first decree as Jews were _____ and _____. (Esther 8:15-17)

D. Remember

1. God is in _____!
2. God _____ for you!
3. We can _____ in God!