

## A Time To Act!

Esther: Chapter Nine & Ten

### A. The Day of Reckoning Arrives

1. At last, the day has arrived for the Jews to defend themselves and their property by killing those who would destroy them. This occurred on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar, which was March 6, 473 B.C. (Esther 3:7, 8:12; 9:1)
2. Instead of being annihilated, the Jews overpowered their enemies. (Esther 9:1)
3. On that day, all the Jews gathered together throughout the land to protect themselves, their women, their children, and their possessions from those who attack them. (Esther 9:2)
4. No one could beat the Jews because they were \_\_\_\_\_ of them, even the leaders of the empire sided with the Jews against their enemies due to the fear of Mordecai. (Esther 9:2-4)
5. The battle was \_\_\_\_\_, and the Jews thoroughly defeated their enemies. (Esther 9:5)

### B. The Battle Summary

1. \_\_\_\_\_ men were killed in the citadel of Susa on the 13<sup>th</sup>, also the \_\_\_\_\_ sons of Haman, and \_\_\_\_\_ men were killed throughout the land on that same day. (Esther 9:6-17)
2. But, in Susa, they extended the blood bath another day to stop the attack against the Jews when another \_\_\_\_\_ men were killed. (Esther 9:12-15)
3. On the 14<sup>th</sup>, they also \_\_\_\_\_ the sons of Haman. (Esther 9:13-14)
  - Weren't they already dead?
4. The Jews gathered and celebrated their victory over their enemies with feasting and sending \_\_\_\_\_ to each other. (Esther 9:18-19)

### **C. Purim**

1. Mordecai declared that the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of Adar would be an \_\_\_\_\_ holiday for the Jews commemorating their victory. (Esther 9:20)
2. During Purim they were to gather and have a feast, give each other \_\_\_\_\_, and send \_\_\_\_\_ to the poor.
3. They also read the \_\_\_\_\_ (scroll) of Esther to remember the reason they are celebrating.

### **D. The Rest of the Story**

1. Years later, the king imposed a \_\_\_\_\_ on the land. (Esther 10:1)
2. The events of this book were \_\_\_\_\_ in Chronicles of the Media and Persia. (Esther 10:2)
3. Lastly, we are reminded of the providence of God who brought up a Jewish man, Mordecai, who became \_\_\_\_\_ in a foreign land. (Esther 10:3)

### **E. Take Action**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ God's provision!
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