

VICTORY—Esther 8-10
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(Esther 8:1-2) On that same day King Xerxes gave the property of Haman, the enemy of the Jews, to Queen Esther. Then Mordecai was brought before the king, for Esther had told the king how they were related. **The king took off his signet ring—which he had taken back from Haman—and gave it to Mordecai.** And Esther appointed Mordecai to be in charge of Haman's property.

√ **God sees the injustice you're enduring. Be patient for Him to finish writing your story.**

(Esther 8:15) Then **Mordecai** left the king's presence, **wearing the royal robe** of blue and white, **the great crown of gold**, and **an outer cloak of fine linen and purple.** And the people of Susa celebrated the new decree.

√ If you're faithful, you will not wear the clothes of mourning forever.

(Esther 8:16-17) The Jews were filled with joy and gladness and were **honored everywhere.** In every province and city, wherever the king's decree arrived, **the Jews rejoiced** and **had a great celebration and declared a public festival and holiday.** And **many** of the people of the land **became Jews themselves**, for they feared what the Jews might do to them.

√ **God's victory reverses the power of the enemy.**

(Esther 9:5-6) So the Jews went ahead on the appointed day and struck down their enemies with the sword. **They killed and annihilated their enemies** and did as they pleased with those who hated them. In the fortress of Susa itself, the Jews killed 500 men.

√ **Sin and disobedience have consequences.**

(Esther 9:15-16) Then the Jews at Susa gathered together on March 8 and killed 300 more men, and again **they took no plunder.** Meanwhile, the other Jews throughout the king's provinces had gathered together to defend their lives. They gained relief from all their enemies, killing 75,000 of those who hated them. **But they did not take any plunder.**

√ **In victory or defeat the people of God don't act like the rest of the world.**

(Esther 10:1-3) King Xerxes imposed a tribute throughout his empire, even to the distant coastlands. His great achievements and the full account of the greatness of Mordecai, whom the king had promoted, are recorded in *The Book of the History of the Kings of Media and Persia*. Mordecai the Jew became the prime minister, with authority next to that of King Xerxes himself. He was very great among the Jews, who held him in high

esteem, because he continued to work for the good of his people and to speak up for the welfare of all their descendants.

FINAL TAKEAWAYS

- √ **Stop defending yourself; let God take up your cause.**
- √ **God will right your wrongs.**
- √ **Before God uses someone for great things, he breaks them.**