

When God really blesses you

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- I. GOD GAVE ESTHER AND MORDECAI UNUSUAL WEALTH AND RESPONSIBILITY (ESTHER 8:1-2).
 - A. Esther was given Haman's large estate (1).
 - B. Mordecai was given Haman's position and authority (2a).
 - C. Esther put Mordecai in charge of the estate (2b).
Principle: Sometimes God blesses someone exceptionally (Abraham, Isaac, David, Solomon, etc.).
- II. GOD ENDED THE THREAT TO THE JEWS WHEN KING XERXES AUTHORIZED A NEW DECREE (ESTHER 8:3-14).
 - A. Esther pled with King Xerxes about her true concern of sparing the Jewish people (8:3-6).
Principle: God is in charge of blessing while we must focus on His purposes (Matthew 6:25-34).
 - B. Xerxes authorized Mordecai to issue a counter decree to neutralize Haman's decree (8:7-14).
- III. GOD'S RESCUE WAS CELEBRATED BY ALL JEWS IN THE EMPIRE AND NON-JEWS ALSO (ESTHER 8:15-17).
 - A. Mordecai was greatly honored – and the whole city rejoiced (15).
Principle: God's good purposes include blessings, not just trials (Romans 8:28).
Principle: God blesses you to bless others through you (Genesis 12:1-3; 1 Peter 4:10; 2 Kings 7:9-11; 2 Corinthians 9:8-11).
 - B. Jews everywhere celebrated – and some non-Jews become Jews (16-17).
Principle: Celebrating God's blessings is worship (Psalms)
Principle: God's blessings in your life are meant to attract others to a relationship with God.