

Trusting God with His enemies

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- I. VICTORY: THE JEWS ENEMIES WERE THOROUGHLY DEFEATED THROUGHOUT PERSIA (ESTHER 9:1-19).
 - A. Day 1 – 500 enemies of the Jews were killed Susa and the 10 sons of Haman executed, but the Jews took no plunder (1-10).
 - B. Day 2 – 300 more enemies, Haman's sons displayed and 75,000 were killed throughout Persia (11-17).

Principle: Persecution for Christ is to be expected but we can find peace in Christ (John 15:19-20; 16:33; 1 Peter 4:12-14).
 - C. The explanation for 2 days of celebration in Susa (18-19).
- II. CELEBRATION: THE JEWS ESTABLISHED THE FEAST OF PURIM TO CELEBRATE VICTORY (ESTHER 9:20-28).
 - A. Mordecai decreed that Jews should celebrate Purim (9:20-25).
 - “Pur” = the lot cast – Celebrating God's sovereign control
 - B. Jews everywhere committed to celebrate Purim (9:26-28).
- III. EPILOGUE: ESTHER'S LETTER AND MORDECAI'S HONOR (ESTHER 9:29-10:3).
 - A. Esther (with Mordecai) wrote again requiring Jews to always observe Purim solemnly (fasting/lamentation – 9:29-32).
 - B. King Xerxes recorded not only his own political success, but also honored Mordecai for serving his people the Jews (10:1-3)

Principle: God will eternally reward all who suffer for Christ (Revelation 2:10-11; Matthew 5:10-12).

Principle: The enemies of Christians are really enemies of Christ, so we can trust God with them (Acts 9:4-5),