



## *Esther: Queen For Such A Time As This.*

Wednesday May 25, 2016

### Lesson Eight:

#### The Conflict (Esther 9:1-19)

1. The thirteenth day of Adar arrives. There are two decrees that have been issued that are significant regarding this date. Tell what was to happen according to each decree.
  - a. Haman's order: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Esther and Mordecai's order: \_\_\_\_\_
2. The enemies of the Jews hoped to \_\_\_\_\_ the Jews. The \_\_\_\_\_ occurred.
3. The Jews defense:
  - a. No one could \_\_\_\_\_ the Jews.
  - b. Fear of them fell upon \_\_\_\_\_ people.
4. Why did the officials, satraps, and governors help the Jews? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Mordecai's status in the kingdom:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ in the king's palace.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ spread throughout all the provinces.
  - c. Mordecai became increasingly \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The Jews victory:
  - a. They defeated enemies with the stroke of the \_\_\_\_\_, with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. They did what they \_\_\_\_\_ with those who hated them.

- c. In Shushan they killed \_\_\_\_\_ men.
  - d. Haman's ten sons were \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. The Jews did not lay a hand on the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The King gets a report of the devastation, and asks Esther if she has any further \_\_\_\_\_.
  8. Esther's request:
    - a. In Shushan the Jews were to do the same again \_\_\_\_\_.
    - b. Haman's 10 sons would be \_\_\_\_\_ on the gallows.
  9. On the second day the Jews killed \_\_\_\_\_ men in Shushan.
  10. They did not lay a hand on the \_\_\_\_\_.
  11. How many were killed in the remainder of the provinces? \_\_\_\_\_
  12. The thirteenth and fourteenth days Adar resulted in rest and it became a time of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  13. Why was the feasting and gladness in Shushan delayed by a day? \_\_\_\_\_
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14. How was this holiday celebrated? \_\_\_\_\_

### Discussion Questions:

1. Why did the Jews not take any plunder?
2. Did it take a certain amount of faith for the Jews to prevail?
3. Contrast King Ahasuerus' celebration with the way the Jews celebrated.
4. What are some enemies that we face today?
5. Why were Haman's sons killed and THEN hanged?
6. In this lesson where do you see Esther's grace and favor once again?
7. What did Mordecai get that he did not pursue but Haman wanted?