

FROM PERIL TO PURIM (9:1-10:3)

* The relationship of Anti-Semitism and Jewish feasts.

I. THE PERSONAL SELECTION OF ESTHER (1- 2)

II. THE DIABOLICAL INTENTION OF HAMAN (3-4: 3)

III. THE COURAGEOUS INTERCESSION OF ESTHER (4:4-5:14)

IV. THE DIVINE PRESERVATION OF ISRAEL (6: 1-9: 19)

A. The MAGNIFYING of MORDECAI. (6)

B. The HANGING of HAMAN. (7)

C. The DECREE of AHASUERUS. (8)

D. The DEFEAT of the ENEMIES OF THE JEWS. (9:1-19)

* What occurred on the 13th day of Adar? (9:1A)

*What was the result of this? (9:1b)

*What were the human means God used to do this? (9:2-5)

*What are the three reasons that God allows someone to kill another without it being murder?

*What happened in Sushan and to Haman's sons? (9:6-10) What does this indicate?

*What further request by Esther was granted by King Ahasuerus? (9:11-15)

*What were the specific results in the rest of the empire? (9:16-17)

*What is mentioned 3 times in this chapter regarding the Jews self-defense against the Persians?

*How did the Jews celebrate this victory? (9:17-19)

V. THE JEWISH INAUGURATION OF PURIM (9:20-10:3)

A. The FEAST of PURIM Instituted. (9:20-32)

* Whose letter instituted the 14th and 15th day of Adar as an annual Jewish feast? (9:20-22)

* What was this feast to be called? Why? (9:23-28)

* Whose decree confirmed these matters of Purim? (9:29-32)

* What can we learn from this?

B. The HONOR of MORDECAI Recognized. (10:1-3)

*Do stories always end this way?

*What can you learn from chapter 10?

C. The PROVIDENCE of GOD on Display in the book of Esther.