Esther – For Such a Time as This! 12-29-2019, Handout #14

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FROM PERIL TO PURIM (Esther 9 & 10)

The relationship of Anti-Semitism and Jewish feasts:

THE JEWISH PEOPLE AND DESIRES THEIR DESTRUCTION BECAUSE OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO JESUS CHRIST (REV.12).

ON THE OTHER HAND, GOD HAS PROMISED TO _____ THOSE WHO BLESS ISRAEL, AND _____THOSE WHO CURSE ISRAEL (GEN.12:1-3). THUS, SEVERAL ______HAVE RESULTED FROM THIS SPIRITUAL CONFLICT.

A. Act I - Let's Understand the PRIMARY FACTORS that LED to the DETHRONING of QUEEN VASHTI. (1:1-22)

B. Act II - Let's Understand the PROVIDENTIAL PROCESS that LED to the DECIDING on QUEEN ESTHER. (2:1-18)

C. Act III - Let's Understand the PERSONAL PLOT by HAMAN to DESTROY TOTALLY the JEWS. (2:19-3:15)

D. Act IV - Let's Understand the PERSONAL CONVICTION of ESTHER to DECISIVELY INTERCEDE for the JEWS. (4:1-17)

E. Acts V - Let's Understand the WISDOM & COURAGE of ESTHER and the PROVIDENCE of GOD in REVERSING HAMAN'S PLOT to EXTERMINATE the JEWS. (5:1-7:10)

F. Act VI – Let's Understand How GOD Used QUEEN ESTHER and MORDECAI to COUNTERACT the PREVIOUS DECREE written by HAMAN. (8:1-17)

G. Act VII - - Let's Understand How GOD PRESERVED the JEWISH NATION on the DAY OF RECKONING. (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) THE JEWS FIGHTING IN _____; THE GOVENORS _____ INTERFERING; AND MORDECAI _____.

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

1) _____ (Gen.9:5-6; Ex. 21:12-17; Rom. 13:1-5; Acts 25:11)

2) ______ (Gen.14; 15:14-16; 21:22-34; Ex.17:8-16;Numb. 1:1-3; Numb.32; Deut. 20; 21:10-14; 1 Sam. 17; Ps.144:1; Mt. 8:5-13; Luke 3:14; Matt. 21:12, 33-46; Acts 22:25-29; 23:12-27)

3) _____ (Esther 9; Exodus 2:2-3; Luke 22:35-38)

 What happened in Sushan and to Haman's sons? (9:6-10) MANY PERSIANS WERE _______, INCLUDING THE 10 SONS OF HAMAN.

- What does this indicate? THIS INDICATES THAT THERE WERE MANY PERSIANS WHO WERE WILLING TO ______ TO KILL THE JEWS OUT OF HATRED, REVENGE, OR GREED.
- What further request by Esther was granted by King Ahasuerus? (9:11-15)

THE JEWS SELF-PROTECTION WAS EXTENDED _____ MORE DAY.

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

OVER ______ PERSIANS WERE KILLED BY THE JEWS PROTECTING THEMSELVES.

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

BUT THEY DID _____ LAY A HAND ON THE PLUNDER".

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

THEY ______ AND MADE IT A DAY OF ______ AND GLADNESS.

H. Act VIII – Let's Understand 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?
 - 1) GOD'S PROMISES ARE ALWAYS TRUE _____!
 - 2) GOD'S PROTECTION ULTIMATELY OF THE JEWS IS ALWAYS CERTAIN SO

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

*Do stories always end this way?

*What can you learn from chapter 10?

1) God ______ to the humble. (James 4:6)

2) ______ yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He ______ you up. (James 4:10)

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