

Week Eight
Esther 9:1-32

Day One
Read Esther 8:1-8

Why did King Xerxes give Queen Esther the estate of Haman?

How has God blessed you because of your obedience to Him?

How was Mordecai related to Queen Esther?

What is the importance of the signet ring and what does it mean for the king to give it to Mordecai?

What estate has God appointed you over?

He has given you an area to serve - have you taken God's "signet ring" and been responsible for your estate?

What happened on the 13th day of the 12th month?

Day Two

Read Esther 8:1-8

How many times had the queen come before the king without being called for?

What could happen to her if the king does not extend the gold scepter?

Read Psalm 6:9 and 1 Kings 8:39. God is always prepared to “extend His gold scepter” to hear your pleas. He knows your heart but He wants you to speak your requests.

What have you not given the Lord that you need to give today?

Read Daniel 6:8,12,15.

Why could the first decree that Haman wrote not be revoked?

What did the king do to protect the Jews?

You may have to live with the consequence of your sins and those of others, but God uses all things to bring glory to Himself. God wipes your slate clean. We, like the Jews, have been given another chance to live through a new decree - Jesus Christ. There is no need to continue living as though your life will end. The consequence of sin is hard but it doesn't have to overcome you.

What has happened in your life that you need to “write a new decree” to move on from your past mistakes?

Day Three

Read Esther 8:9-17

What day was the first decree written?

What day was the second decree written?

Growing up, my Mom always told me to “wait six weeks” and see how my “crisis” looked at that time. In six weeks, many things would have changed and either I got comfortable with the situation or it had completely gone away.

What is happening in your life today that you need to give to the Lord and “wait six weeks” to see how He has changed it and you?

Compare Esther 3:12 with 8:9.

What is the difference between the two decrees?

How has God protected you this past year?

Day Four

Read Esther 8:9-17

What do the verses say about Mordecai after he left the king's presence?

When you are in your King's presence, spending individual time with Him, how do you leave?

How do others see you when you have been with the Lord?

What does scripture say about people who have been with God?

Read Psalm 30:5 and compare it to Esther 8:17.

Are you weeping in your life today or rejoicing?

How will you share that with God today?

Day Five

Read Esther 8:1-17

Read Esther 8.

What have you learned about yourself through studying this chapter?

Write a prayer to the Lord. Include in your prayer adoration, confession, characteristics of God that you have learned through this study, and thanksgiving. Spend your day praising God for His love and protection.