

God's Glorious Victory Esther 9-10

I. Victory Over the Enemy – 9:1-19

1. "D" Day arrives – 9:1
13th day of the 12th month
Day set by Haman's decree to kill Jews
But God turned it around – 2nd decree
Jews gained mastery over those who hated them
2. Jews gathered to defend themselves – 2
In cities throughout 127 provinces of empire
They won great victories – people feared them
3. Leaders in provinces helped the Jews – 3-4
"Fear of Mordecai had fallen on them"
Mordecai was great in the king's palace
And his power was growing in the empire
4. Jews won great victories – 5-10
In Susa they killed 500 men
Also killed the 10 sons of Haman
But they did not take plunder of those killed
5. King & Esther get reports – 11-15
King tells her of 500 killed in Susa
And the death of Haman's 10 sons
He asks if she has further request
Esther asks for a second day in Susa – 13
And for Haman's sons to be hanged on gallows
King grants her request – 14-15
6. Victory reported in Empire – 16
In defense Jews killed 75,000 enemies
Again they did not take the plunder
7. Jews celebrated their victories – 17-19
On 14th of the month they celebrated - 17
Day of feasting & gladness in the empire
Celebrated on 15th in city of Susa – 18-19

II. Feast of Purim – 9:20-32

1. Mordecai orders annual feast – 20-22
Sent a letter to all Jews in empire – 20-21
Requiring them to set 14th & 15th for feasting
Remembering God's glorious victory – 22
Days when they got relief from enemies
Month turned from sorrow to gladness
From mourning into a holiday
Make them days of feasting with family, friends
Time for giving gifts to the poor
2. Name of feast is Purim – 23-26
Taken from Haman casting lots (Pur)
To select date to kill all Jews in the empire
3. Jews committed to obey – 27-28
This feast continues to this day
5. Esther & Mordecai sent 2nd letter – 29-30
Letter was official establishment of Purim
Giving directions how feast is to be celebrated

III. God's Man in Power – 10:1-3

1. Ahasuerus continued as king – 1-2
He imposed taxes on his empire
He promoted Mordecai to 2nd in kingdom
All is recorded in Persian Chronicles
2. Mordecai ruled under him – 2-3
With authority he sought Jews welfare
He was a blessing & sought peace for Jews