

Esther 9

Esther 9.1-10

V 1-2 – Adar – our month of March

-What happened on the appointed day? The Jews made a good defense of themselves

V 3 – Even the government officials assisted the Jews (because the dread of Mordecai had fallen on them)

V 4 – Mordecai was very powerful

V 5 - Many people were killed by the Jews

V 6 – **How many were killed at the citadel in Susa?** 500

V 7-10 – **Who else was killed (with the sword)?** The 10 sons of Haman
-But the Jews did not plunder property

Esther 9.11-19

V 11 – The destruction was reported to the king

V 12 – The king asked Esther if there was anything else he could do for her

V 13 – **Requests of Esther?** For another day to kill the enemies of the Jews in Susa and to let the 10 sons of Haman be hanged
-The 10 sons were killed with the sword in v 6-10, but Esther had their dead bodies hung before the city (a lesson in the power of God against arrogant people)

V 15 – Another 300 people were killed

V 16 – 75,000 were killed elsewhere in the kingdom

V 17-19 – The day of death: 13th day of Adar (v 1) – the 14th day for the Jews in Susa
-Rural Jews rested on the 14th day

Esther 9.20-30

V 20-21 – **What did Mordecai set aside for celebration?** The 14th and 15th days of the month Adar

V 22 – **How would they celebrate?** By sending food and gifts to their fellow Jews

V 23-24 – **What did lots have to do with it?** Haman had cast lots to determine the best day on

which to kill the Jews (see *Esther* 3.7 – the casting of the lot ("Pur" in Hebrew)

V 25-26 – Name for this feast? "Lots" or in Hebrew "Purim" (the plural form)

V 27-28 – To be celebrated every year

V 29-30 – A feast for all generations of Jews

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