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BEAUTIFUL SALVATION

ESTHER 8-10

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Mordecai's Salvation (8:1-2, 15-17; 10:1-3)

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Reversal #1 = Mordecai's Position

ESTHER 8:2 (ESV)

And the king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

ESTHER 10:1-3 (ESV)

King Ahasuerus imposed tax on the land and on the coastlands of the sea.
And all the acts of his power and might,

ESTHER 10:1-3 (ESV)

and the full account of the high honor of Mordecai, to which the king advanced him,

ESTHER 10:1-3 (ESV)

are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?

ESTHER 10:1-3 (ESV)

For Mordecai the Jew was second in rank to King Ahasuerus, and he was great among the Jews and popular with the multitude of his brothers,

ESTHER 10:1-3 (ESV)

for he sought the welfare of his people and spoke peace to all his people.

2

The **Jews'** Salvation (9:1-5)

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Reversal #2 = Jews go from a death sentence to a life sentence

ESTHER 8:3-7 (ESV)

Then Esther spoke again to the king.

ESTHER 8:3-7 (ESV)

She fell at his feet and wept and pleaded with him to avert the evil plan of Haman the Agagite and the plot that he had devised against the Jews.

ESTHER 8:3-7 (ESV)

When the king held out the golden scepter to Esther,
Esther rose and stood before the king.

ESTHER 8:3-7 (ESV)

And she said, “If it please the king, and if I have found favor in his sight, and if the thing seems right before the king, and I am pleasing in his eyes,

ESTHER 8:3-7 (ESV)

let an order be written to revoke the letters
devised by Haman the Agagite, the son of Hammedatha,

ESTHER 8:3-7 (ESV)
which he wrote to destroy the Jews
who are in all the provinces of the king.

ESTHER 8:3-7 (ESV)

For how can I bear to see the calamity that is coming to my people?
Or how can I bear to see the destruction of my kindred?”

ESTHER 8:3-7 (ESV)

Then King Ahasuerus (Xerxes) said to Queen Esther and to Mordecai the Jew, “Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman,

ESTHER 8:3-7 (ESV)

and they have hanged him on the gallows,
because he intended to lay hands on the Jews.

ESTHER 9:1-5 (ESV)

Now in the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar,
on the thirteenth day of the same,

ESTHER 9:1-5 (ESV)

when the king's command and edict were about to be carried out,

ESTHER 9:1-5 (ESV)

on the very day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to gain the mastery over them, the reverse occurred:

ESTHER 9:1-5 (ESV)

the Jews gained mastery over those who hated them.

ESTHER 9:1-5 (ESV)

The Jews gathered in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus (Xerxes) to lay hands on those who sought their harm.

ESTHER 9:1-5 (ESV)

And no one could stand against them,
for the fear of them had fallen on all peoples.

ESTHER 9:1-5 (ESV)

All the officials of the provinces and the satraps
and the governors and the royal agents also helped the Jews,

ESTHER 9:1-5 (ESV)

for the fear of Mordecai had fallen on them.

ESTHER 9:1-5 (ESV)

For Mordecai was great in the king's house,
and his fame spread throughout all the provinces,

ESTHER 9:1-5 (ESV)

for the man Mordecai grew more and more powerful.

ESTHER 9:1-5 (ESV)

The Jews struck all their enemies with the sword, killing and destroying them, and did as they pleased to those who hated them.

The death toll among the Persians is more than 75,000 Persians.

ROMANS 3:23 (ESV)

For all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God.

ROMANS 5:12 (ESV)

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man,
and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned

So, this is the first edict! The first edict was death.

The second edict was given to us through the cross.

Two laws are in effect: The first edict is the law of sin and death.
Then, there's another law, the spirit of life sets me free
from law of sin and death.

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The Christian's Salvation (9:20-22)

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Reversal #3 = The Christian's life goes from mourning to rejoicing

ESTHER 9:20-22 (ESV)

And Mordecai recorded these things and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far,

ESTHER 9:20-22 (ESV)

**obliging them to keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar
and also the fifteenth day of the same, year by year,**

ESTHER 9:20-22 (ESV)

as the days on which the Jews got relief from their enemies,
and as the month that had been turned for them

ESTHER 9:20-22 (ESV)

from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday;
that they should make them days of feasting and gladness,

ESTHER 9:20-22 (ESV)

days for sending gifts of food to one another
and gifts to the poor.

Two laws are in effect: The first edict is the law of sin and death.
Then, there's another law, the spirit of life sets me free
from law of sin and death.

This is what God does with our salvation-
turns our mourning into joy.

JEREMIAH 31:13 (ESV)

**I will turn their mourning into gladness
and I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.**

4

Send out **Couriers** (8:10, 14)

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Without Couriers, the Gospel could not spread

ESTHER 8:9-10; 14 (NIV)

9 At once the royal secretaries were summoned—
on the twenty-third day of the third month, the month of Sivan.

ESTHER 8:9-10; 14 (NIV)

They wrote out all Mordecai's orders to the Jews,
and to the satraps, governors and nobles of the 127 provinces

ESTHER 8:9-10; 14 (NIV)

stretching from India to Cush (Ethiopia). These orders were written in the script of each province and the language of each people

ESTHER 8:9-10; 14 (NIV)

and also to the Jews in their own script and language.

ESTHER 8:9-10; 14 (NIV)

¹⁰ Mordecai wrote in the name of King Xerxes, sealed the dispatches with the king's signet ring, and sent them by mounted couriers,

ESTHER 8:9-10; 14 (NIV)

who rode fast horses especially bred for the king.

ESTHER 8:9-10; 14 (NIV)

¹⁴ The couriers, riding the royal horses, went out, spurred on by the king's command, and the edict was issued in the citadel of Susa.



Map 4-1
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Persia extended from India to Ethiopia; 127 provinces.

JOHN 14:6 (ESV)

**I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.**

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ESTHER 8:14 (NIV)

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ROMANS 10:14-15 (ESV)

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?
And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?

ROMANS 10:14-15 (ESV)

And how are they to hear without someone preaching?
And how are they to preach unless they are sent?

ROMANS 10:14-15 (ESV)

As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet
of those who preach the good news!”



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