

Esther

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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am

To be discussed –06/07/21

Lesson 5

Esther 8:1-10:3

1. Read Esther 8:1-2 and 9:7 The seriousness and the extent of God’s justice is found in these last chapters of Esther. Haman’s plan to kill God’s people cost him his life. What happened to his wealth, his power and his family?
2. Read Esther 8:3-8. Why did killing Haman not end the problems facing the Jews?
3. Read Esther 8:9-17. What was the solution? What rights were given to the Jews? Did this seem extreme to you? Why was it an act of God’s justice and not an act of revenge by the Jews?
4. What was the immediate response of the Jews?
5. What parallels are found in the Christian life when the old covenant of the Law was followed by the new covenant in Christ’s blood? What was your immediate response? Do we spread the good news with the fervency found in 8:14?
6. Read Esther 9:1-10. When the “day of destruction” came, why *could no one stand against them [the Jews]*?
7. Read Esther 9:11-17. What was the result in Susa? In the provinces? What repeated phrase is evidence that the action of the Jews was in defense and not for personal gain?
8. Read Esther 9:18-13. Why were there initially two different days for the celebration of Purim? How was it celebrated?
9. Read Esther 10:1-3. The book may be named after Esther, but how is Mordecai remembered? Who is the real “unspoken” hero of the book?