

ISRAEL'S TRIUMPH
THE DELIVERANCE OF ISRAEL, PART 6
(Esther 9:1-19)

- I. Initial SUMMATION of the Event (Esther 9:1)
 - A. The date to EXECUTE the edict had ARRIVED
 - B. The Jews' enemies HOPED "to gain the MASTERY"
 - C. "It was TURNED to the CONTRARY"

- II. Final PREPARATION for the Engagement (Esther 9:2-4)
 - A. They ASSEMBLED in their CITIES for DEFENSE (9:2)
 - 1. This implies ORGANIZING into MILITIAS
 - 2. This implies the use of FORTIFICATIONS
 - 3. No one SUCCESSFULLY opposed them
 - B. They received official GOVERNMENT AID (9:3a)
 - C. Mordecai's REPUTATION was GREAT and GROWING (9:3b-4)

- III. Complete DEVASTATION of the Enemies (Esther 9:5-16)
 - A. The Jews destroyed ALL their enemies at the CITADEL (9:5-10)
 - 1. At the PALACE they killed 500

2. They also killed the TEN SONS of Haman
 3. They did not PLUNDER their enemies (cf. 1 Sam. 15:17-23)
- B. The result was REPORTED to the KING (9:11-12)
1. He wondered what they had done in the PROVINCES
 2. He asked Esther what MORE he could do for her
- C. Esther EXPANDED her request slightly (9:13-15)
1. She asked for ANOTHER DAY to kill their enemies in Susa
 2. She asked that Haman's SONS be IMPALED
- D. In the provinces, the Jews killed 75,000 enemies
- IV. Spontaneous CELEBRATION of the Exultant (Esther 9:17-19)
- A. In the PROVINCES they celebrated on the 14th
 - B. In the CAPITAL they celebrated on the 15th
 - C. Everywhere, they FEASTED and REJOICED
- V. Lessons
- A. God DIRECTS even the SCHEMING of the ENEMY (cf. Prov. 16:33)
 - B. God's JUDGMENT may seem SLOW, but it is SURE (cf. 1 Sam. 15:2-3; Jer. 30:16)
 - C. God's direction may not be EVIDENT, but it is never ABSENT
 - D. God's deliverance of the CHURCH will be at the RAPTURE, and His destruction of OUR enemies will be at ARMAGEDDON (1 Thess. 4:15-18; Rev. 19:11-21)