

# ESTHER

(Our primary textbook will be the NIV.)

## LESSON:

MORDECAI IS HONORED (8:1-2)

THE PLOT TO DESTROY THE JEWS IS STILL IN FORCE (8:3-8)

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### Mordecai Is Honored (8:1-2)

1. That same day, what did King Xerxes give Queen Esther? (v.1)

2. And Mordecai came into the presence of the king, for Esther had told the king what? (v.1)

“Came into the presence of the king” means that Mordecai now has the status of those who had access to the king without being explicitly summoned (cf. 1:14; 6:4).

3. What had the king reclaimed from Haman? He presented it to whom? And Esther appointed him over what? (v.2)

Note Proverbs 13:22; 1 Peter 5:6. With Haman the signet ring had the power of death (3:10-11); would the same ring, now on the hand of Mordecai, have the power of life?

### The Plot To Destroy The Jews Is Still In Force (8:3-8)

4. Esther again pleaded with the king, doing what two? She begged him to put what to an end? Which he had devised against whom? (v.3)

Haman may be dead, but his murderous edict still threatens the Jews. Esther and Mordecai face a seemingly impossible task – find a way to revoke an irrevocable decree.

5. What did the king extend to Esther? She arose and did what? (v.4)

6. If it pleases whom? If the King regards Esther how? And thinks it is what? And if he is pleased with whom? (v.5)

7. Let what be written? Overruling what that Haman devised and wrote? (v.5)

Since no one, not even the king himself, has the power to reverse the unalterable laws of Persia and Media, a second decree has to be issued which in effect would override the first one.

8. For what purpose had Haman devised and wrote those dispatches? (v.5)

9. For how could Esther bear to see what two? (v.6)

10. King Xerxes replied to what two? (v.7)

11. Because Haman attacked whom? The king gave what to Esther? And they have done what to Haman? (v.7)

The king cites what he has done to help the Jews. This shows he is kindly disposed towards them.

12. Now write what? In the name of whom? In behalf of whom? As seems what? (v.8)

The king clearly and emphatically empowers the queen and the new “prime minister” together to draft their own decree, to render the edict of Haman harmless. Xerxes has done what he can; the rest is now up to Esther and Mordecai.

13. Seal it with what? For no what? Written how? And sealed with what? Can be what? (v.8)

### A Counterdict Is Issued (8:9-14)

14. Who were summoned at once? On what day? Of what month? They wrote what? (v.9)

Mordecai’s decree will be sent out two months and ten days after Haman’s (3:12). This is seventy days. The seventy days become a signal that a reversal of their circumstances was as certain as the earlier return from exile.

15. Mordecai’s orders were sent to what four groups? (v.9)

Notice the ranking of the Jews.

16. How many provinces? Stretching from where to where? (v.9)

17. These orders were written in the what of each province? And the what of each people? (v.9)

18. And also to the Jews in their what two? (v.9)

19. Mordecai wrote in the name of whom? Sealed what? With what? (v.10)

20. Sent them by what means? Who rode what? These had especially been what? (v.10)

21. The king’s edict granted the Jews in every city the right to first do what two? (v.11)

22. The edict then gave them the right to do what three to any armed force? (v.11)
23. Armed force of any what two? That might do what to them and their what two? (v.11)
24. And to plunder what? (v.11)
25. What was the day appointed for the Jews to do this in all the provinces? (v.12)
26. A copy of the text of the edict was to be issued as what? Issued where? And made known to the people of every what? (v.13)
27. So that the Jews would be ready on that day to do what? (v.13)
28. Who raced out? Riding what? Spurred on by what? (v.14)
29. And the edict was also issued where? (v.14)

### Salvation Of The Jews Brings Joy (8:15-17)

30. Mordecai left the king's presence wearing what three? (v.15)

Note 4:1.

31. And the city of Susa held a what? (v.15)

Note 3:15.

32. For the Jews it was a time of what four? (v.16)

Note 4:3.

33. Wherever the edict went, there was joy and gladness among the Jews along with what? (v.17)

34. Who became Jews? Why? (v.17)

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