



Esther, the Warrior Queen

Esther 9:1-17

Act 1: The Finish of the Feud- Day 1

Scene 1:

A Preview of the Battle

Esther 9:1-2

- This was the day of attack.
- This was the day of defense.
- The enemy: those who “sought their harm.” (v. 1b)
- The victory: The other nations were afraid. (v. 2b)

Scene 2:

Allies to Fight the Enemy

Esther 9:3-4

- The Jews received help...
 - ◆...from government officials.
 - ◆...from all the provinces.
- The Jews received help because Mordecai was feared. Why?
 - ◆ Mordecai’s greatness
 - ◆ Mordecai’s fame
 - ◆ Mordecai’s power



Scene 3:

The Battle Commences

Esther 9:5-10

- The Jews easily defeated their enemies.
- The Jews specifically defeated their enemies.

Act 2: The Finish of the Feud- Day 2

Scene 1:

Xerxes' Report to Esther

Esther 9:11-13

- The Report: 500 dead in Susa
- The Reason: To please Esther
- The Response: What is your wish?
- The Requests:
 - ◆ One more day
 - ◆ Hang Haman's sons

Scene 2:

The Battle Concludes

Esther 9:14-17

- The Jews killed 75,000 in all the provinces.



- This conclusion leads to the Feast of Purim.

God's Sovereignty in the Shadows

- The quick political change of Persia
- God changing Mordecai's reputation
- The ending of the ancient rivalry
- Israel's obedience shown in their choice not to plunder

Practical Applications

- Those who suffer often gain influence (2 Cor. 1:3-7).
- Obey God, even in the little things. (plundering)
- God honors self-control.
- God still has a purpose for Israel.
- God always keeps his promises.
- Reflect on Jesus- He took our curse that we might be free to have a relationship with him!