



The Establishment of the Equalizing Edict

Esther 8:1-17

Act 1: The Edict Still Exists! (vs. 1-8)

Scene 1:

Mordecai becomes a Monarch

Esther 8:1-2

- Haman's possessions- Esther
- Haman's replacement- Mordecai

Scene 2:

Esther pleads to Xerxes for the Jews

Esther 8:3-8

- Esther's request was emotional. (v. 3a)
- Esther's request was purposeful. (v. 3b)
- Esther's request was respectful. (v. 5a)
- Esther's request was specific. (v. 5b)
 - ◆ Esther came with a problem.
 - ◆ Esther also came with a solution.
- Esther's request was desperate (v. 6)



Scene 3:

Xerxes' Favorable Response

Esther 8:7-8

- Xerxes' response was affirming.
 - ◆ He held out the golden scepter.
 - ◆ He reminded Esther of his loyalty.
- Xerxes' response was enabling.
 - ◆ Write as you please.
 - ◆ Write in my name.
 - ◆ Seal it with my ring.

Act 2: The Equalizing Edict (vs. 9-17)

Scene 1:

The Writing of the Edict

Esther 8:9-14

- The Date of the Edict: 8-9 months ahead of time.
- The Author of the Edict: Mordecai
- The Recipients of the Edict: Leaders of all 127 provinces
- The Authority of the Edict: King Xerxes
- The Content of the Edict:
 - ◆ The self-defense of the Jews (v. 11)
 - ◆ The same day as the previous edict (v. 12)
 - ◆ The strong display of the new edict (v. 13)



- The Communication of the Decree (v. 14)

Scene 2:

Mordecai's New Authority

Esther 8:15-17

- Mordecai's promotion brought respect.
- Mordecai's promotion brought joy.
- Mordecai's promotion brought support.

God's Sovereignty in the Shadows

- The signet ring
- Xerxes' unquestioning favor for Esther.
- The promotion of Mordecai
- The timing of Mordecai's edict
- The joy and fear of the people

Practical Applications

- Your mistakes affect those whom you leave behind.
- Growing in your ability to make Godly requests
- The value of loyalty
- God promotes and demotes
- God is even in control of human perceptions