

# "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

# ESTHER 8

## Esther 8

Esther eight begins the blessed "rest of the story" in the life of Queen Esther and her beloved and wise uncle Mordecai. King Ahasuerus gave the house of Haman to Queen Esther and that would have been a huge estate and all that came with that household. Esther, by this time, had revealed her relationship with Mordecai as she was not able to speak to the King openly about being a Jew. The King now knew he could trust Esther and the Jewish people completely. Mordecai had saved his life and Esther had kept him from making a historical mistake by trying to destroy an entire race of people.

It is interesting to note that when Mordecai had instructed Esther about speaking up for her people in chapter 4, he warned and instructed Esther that God would save His people with or without her help, but she was given the position she was given in order to use her influence in a timely fashion. God is sovereign. Now there was another dilemma that had to be dealt with that concerned the decree that King Ahasuerus had issued concerning the Jews, as advised by wicked Haman. Even though Mordecai had been given the place of Haman and even the King's signet ring, the "law of the Medes and the Persians" could not be altered. So, a

solution was determined by the King that the Jews could protect themselves against this decree that could not be altered and dispatched to every one of the provinces from India to Ethiopia in the separate languages of the native people just to make sure that the Jews would be allowed to kill and destroy completely anyone who sought to carry out the initial and bad decree. ***"Then Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal robes of blue and white, with a large crown of gold and a garment of fine linen and purple; and the city of Susa shouted and rejoiced. For the Jews there was light and gladness and joy and honor... And many among the peoples of the land became Jews, for the dread of the Jews had fallen on them"*** (Esther 8:15-27). Notice in verse 15 that present-day national colors of Israel and their flag, "blue and white," were displayed by Mordecai.

### Prayer and Action Steps

*God is able to not only stop evil but reverse its effects in this instance and many other times in Scripture. Dear Lord, please restore what the enemy has tried to destroy in my life.*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

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What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

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Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

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Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? \_\_\_\_\_

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Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

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