

# WOMEN'S STUDY IN ESTHER

## Lesson 9 Chapter 8:1-8

As you read through Esther and begin this study, ask God to open your heart. As the Psalmist prayed: "Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Thy law".  
Psalm 119:18

**Assignment:** In the next week read through Esther, especially chapter 8. Attempt to answer the following discussion questions.

**Questions:**

- 1) Summarize chapter by chapter what has happened in Esther so far, especially chapter 7.
  
- 2) What was "that day" (8:1a) referring to? What did the king do on that day and what is the significance of this (8:1a)? Was Haman and thus his household wealthy (3:11)?
  
- 3) What does the inspired writer call Haman in 8:1 and 3:10? Why is this side comment important, how does it fit into the overall theme of the book of Esther? Did God take care of the Jews enemy?
  
- 4) Why did Mordechai come before the king? (Hint: Look at the work "for") What had Esther disclosed to the king (8:1)?
  
- 5) What did the king do in 8:2a? What is the significance of this? Remember 3:9-12.
  
- 6) What did Esther do for Mordechai (8:2)? What is the significance of this?
  
- 7) Even with Haman dead and what we saw in 8:1-2, what problem still remained?
  
- Note:* Vs. 3 describes what Esther did about the problem and why. And verses 4-5 give us more detail.
- 8) What did Esther implore the king to do and why (3)? Explain.
  
- 9) Make observations concerning Esther's demeanor before the king from the following. Was she respectful, did she convey her concerns, was there any emotion...?

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- A. 8:4
- B. 8:5-6
- C. 8:3

- 10) How did Esther say to the king (4-5) as she “implored him to avert” Haman’s “evil scheme” (3)?
- 11) How does Esther justify her request in verse 6? Explain.
- 12) Why was Haman’s decree not simply reversed (8:8b)? Remember Daniel Ch. 6, especially vs. 12 and 15 too.
- 13) What did the king say to Esther and Mordechai “the Jew” in response to Esther’s petition (8:7)? Why would the inspired author describe Mordechai this way?
- 14) What did the king authorize Esther and Mordecai to do (8:8)?
- 15) We will look at this in more depth next time but briefly summarize what happens in 9-17.
- 16) How might the following verses be an encouragement in light of what we have seen? (Gen. 50:20 Romans 8:28, Hebrews 13:5-6, Josh. 23:14, 1Kings 8:56)
- 17) In the midst possible annihilation of the Jews and death for Queen Esther, she was prayerful, wise, patient and courageous and the Lord used her to save His people. In what area(s) is the Lord calling you to be prayerfully trust in Him and act? Whether great or small, has God sovereignly put you in a place for “such a time is this”?