

Study Guide

Pray: Pray that God will show you something new in this reading of His Word and that you will be fully present as you consider these questions.

Read: Begin by reading Esther 9 and 10 straight through, as you would any book. You can read on, but for this study week we will concentrate on these Chapters.

Questions:

CHAPTER 9

1. Haman's edict was written in the 1st month (**Esther 3:7**); Mordecai's edict was written in the 3rd month (**Esther 8:9**), and the D-Day was scheduled for the 12th month (**Esther 8:12**). What do you find interesting about the timeline of those events?
2. How can this victory be explained (**V2-4**)?
3. In light of what the Jews legally could have done to their enemies according to **8:11**, how did they show restraint in **V10, 15-16**?
4. In **V11-13**, why do you think Esther made these additional requests?
5. Mordecai sent letters throughout the provinces to have the Jews annually celebrate the 14th and 15th days of Adar. What did those days commemorate, and how were they to be celebrated?

6. The celebration of Purim was a great reminder of God's deliverance and care. When life is difficult for you, to what can you look back for a reminder of God's love and care?

CHAPTER 10

7. In **V2-3**, what strikes you about what was recorded, including the details about Mordecai?

8. Though the book closes with the praise of Mordecai and God's name is never mentioned, we realize that this book is primarily about God and that He is the power behind people and events. What attributes of God does this story reveal?

9. What lessons or truths from Esther have had the greatest impact on you personally?

For Possible Reflection: Focus verse: / prayer / quote