

## **REVOKING THE IRREVOCABLE (Esther 8)**

### **I. THE PERSONAL SELECTION OF ESTHER (1- 2)**

### **II. THE DIABOLICAL INTENTION OF HAMAN (3-4: 3)**

### **III. THE COURAGEOUS INTERCESSION OF ESTHER (4:4-5:14)**

### **IV. THE DIVINE PRESERVATION OF ISRAEL (6: 1-9: 19)**

#### **A. The MAGNIFYING of MORDECAI. (6)**

#### **B. The HANGING of HAMAN. (7)**

#### **C. The DECREE of AHASUERUS Through MORDECAI. (8)**

\* What happened to Haman's property on that same day? (8:1a)

\* Was this normal Persian governmental protocol?

\* What was revealed regarding Mordecai and Esther? (8:1b)

\* In God's providence, what position was Mordecai promoted to? (8:2)

\* What is Esther's next request? (8:3-6)

\* What does this indicate about Queen Esther unlike many Christians today? (Phil.2:20-21)

\* What should this teach us about the importance of intercessory prayer?

\* How many Jews were estimated to be in the Persian empire?

\* What dilemma needed to be face regarding the King's previous decree regarding Haman?

\* What did the king's new decree involve? (8:7-12)

- \* How was this in complete harmony with the Abrahamic Covenant?
- \* How was this then communicated around the Persian empire? (8:13-14)
- \* What are we doing to spread the news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?
- \* How did the city of Shushan, the Jews, and the people of the land respond to this? (8:15-19)
- \* What does this indicate about the Jews response to the new decree?
- \* What happened to some of the Gentile Persians when they heard of all this?
- \* **What can we learn from this?**
  - ...about **God's providence**?
  - ...about the need to **properly relate to government authorities and laws**?
  - ...about **thinking beyond ourselves to others**?
  - ...about the **need and value of intercessory prayer**?
  - ...about the **ongoing promises of the Abrahamic Covenant**?
  - ...about the **importance of spreading the Gospel**?
  - ...about the need to **understand and believe the Gospel**?