

**Redemption Memorialized**  
Esther 9:16-10:3  
*Study Notes for December 18, 2022*

*i. Introduction:* Not All Truth is a “10” (cf. Mt. 23:23a)

**A. The Rationale for How this Holy Day Came to be Observed, Esther 9:16-19.**

Haman’s Decree

Mordecai’s Decree

75,000 Dead

Esther’s Decree

Plunder

The “Holy War”: something God initiates in order to judge a people in the here and now (rather than on the Last Day).

What Holy War did God’s people think they were engaged in at this time? Cf. 1 Sam. 15...

**B. The Institution of the Holy Day of Purim, Esther 9:20-32.**

**1. Mordecai’s Decree & The Purpose of this Holy Day, Esther 9:20-28.**

**a. In Explanation of this Holy Day, vv. 20-24.**

Verses 20-22

Why were God’s people “sorrowful”? Why were they “mourning”?

Why did the land seek the lives of God’s people? Cf. Rev. 12:3-4, 13...

\*Point of the Book of Esther: The book was written to demonstrate that as bad as God’s people were...

Verses 23-24

Who truly is “the adversary of all the Jews”? Cf. Rev. 12:10...

**b. In Explanation of its Name, vv. 25-28.**

Verses 25-26

The Lexical Root of “Pur”

The Redeeming Grace of God

God takes the worst that we do or that is done to us in this state of sin and misery and transforms it unto our salvation!

Consider

The Massacre of Ebenezer, 1 Sam. 4.

The Observation of Korah, Ps. 84:5-6a

**\*Point:** God took what for the Jews should have been an emblem of destruction and transformed it into a Holy Day by which the sorrows of the Jews were turned into joy and rejoicing! That is Purim, a celebration of the Redeeming Grace of God!

A Contemporary Example: The Lord's Supper

Verses 27-28

## 2. Esther's Decree & The Importance of this Holy Day, Esther 9:29-32.

This passage was given to determine the place and so the priority this Holy Day was to have the lives of God's people. And what was that place?...

...Purim was intended to give His people a voice in response to these difficult times. And what was/is that voice?

“Peace”

“Truth”

“And it was written in the book.”

### **\*Where We Live**

1. Now, as children of God living in the light of the New Covenant, what do we do with this Holy Day? (cf. Col. 2:16-17 & Mt. 5:17)...
2. Christ is the fulfillment of the OT. Accordingly, to live in light of Christ, with Christ, for Christ, and unto Christ is to observe this Holy Day called Purim!
3. The Christian's Holy Day and Holy Feast

## C. A Contrast in “Saviors”, Esther 10:1-3.

1. The “Saving” Work of Ahasuerus, v. 1.

2. The Saving Work of the Lord thru Mordecai, vv. 2-3.

**\*Where We Live:** In light of Eccl. 9:11b, who remains the “hero” of our lives?