

Purim Instituted **Esther 9:20-32**

I. PURPOSE: "the Jews... enemies" (vv.20-25)

A. Obligation: "obliging them to celebrate" (vv.20-22)

1. Commission: "he sent letters to all the Jews" (v.20)
2. Celebration: "feasting...rejoicing...gifts" (vv.21-22)

B. Obedience: "the Jews undertook... to do" (vv.23-25)

1. Defense: "undertook what they started to do" (vv.23-24)
2. Declaration: "he commanded by letter" (v.25)

II. PURIM: "called... Purim... celebrated" (vv.26-28)

A. Ordained: "Purim... to be... established" (vv.26-27)

1. Name: "called... Purim after the name Pur" (vv.26a)
2. Need: "established and made a custom" (vv.26b-27)

B. Obeyed: "remembered and celebrated" (v.28)

III. PURSUIT: "full authority... to establish" (vv.29-32)

A. Order: "Queen Esther... with Mordecai" (vv.29-30)

B. Observed: "established these customs" (vv.31-32)