

**“Calamity Averted”**  
**Esther 8:1-17**

- I. **COMPENSATION**: "Mordecai over Haman" (vv.1-2)
  - A. **Acquisition**: "King...gave house...to Esther" (v.1a)
  - B. **Authority**: "Esther set Mordecai over house" (vv.1b-2)
    - 1. Power: "Mordecai came...signet ring" (vv.1b-2a)
    - 2. Position: "Mordecai over the house of Haman" (v.2b)
- II. **CHANGE**: "you write to the Jews" (vv.3-14)
  - A. **Plea**: "king...implored...revoke the letters" (vv.3-6)
  - B. **Permission**: "write to the Jews...a decree" (vv.7-8)
    - 1. Decision: "given the house of Haman to Esther" (v.7)
    - 2. Decree: "write to the Jews...as you see fit" (v.8)
  - C. **Proclamation**: "granted the Jews...to defend" (vv.9-14)
    - 1. Audience: "Mordecai commanded...to every people" (vv.9-10)
    - 2. Authority: "king granted...to assemble...to defend" (vv.11-12)
    - 3. Arrangements: "so that the Jews should be ready" (vv.13-14)
- III. **CELEBRATION**: "Mordecai...Susa...joy" (vv.15-17)
  - A. **Capital**: "Mordecai went out...city rejoiced" (vv.15-16)
  - B. **Country**: "in every province...gladness" (v.17a)
  - C. **Concern**: "And many...became Jews" (v.17b)

*Next week: Read **Esther 9:1-19***  
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