



- Just A Few Days & Weeks Before This Moment:
  - He Was Clothed In Sackloth & Ashes:
    - In Great Mourning For The Plight Of His People!
  - But Now - We Are Given Great Detail:
    - About The Garments Of His New Position!
- First - He Was Clothed:
  - "In Royal Apparel Of Blue And White!"
    - These Were The Royal Colors Of Persia!
      - And They Are Also Mentioned Back In 6:8 - When Mordecai Was First Clothed & Honored By The King!
        - But - At That Time - Those Clothes Where Borrowed! Not His! Temporary!
    - But Now - These Clothes Are His! Permanent!
      - And It Shows:
  - A Special Relationship:
    - That He Now Had With The King!
      - He Was Now Clothed In "Royal Apparel!" It Was As If He Was Now A Part Of The Royal Family Of Persia! And In Truth - He Was! The King's Own Father-In-Law!
- Then - He Was Clothed:
  - "With A Great Crown Of Gold!"
    - Although This Was Different Than:
      - The Royal Crown That The King & The Queen Would Have On Their Heads:
        - It Was Still A Special Sign Of Mordecai's New Position!
          - His Crown Was Great & Made Of Gold!
            - And It Shows:
    - His Special Value:
      - To The King!
        - He Was As Close To The King As One Could Get!
- He Was Also Clothed:
  - "With A Garment Of Fine Linen And Purple!"
    - Another Special Robe Made Of The Finest & Rarest Of Materials!

6. Imagine The Scene:

- As This Jew Left The Presence Of The King:
  - Decked Out In The Finest Clothing:
    - Of The Empire Of Persia!
      - For Mordecai - That Would Have Been A Good Day!
- But - As We Go Further In These Verses:
  - We See That His Good Day:
    - Would Turn Into An Even Better Day:
      - For Others!

\* That Day Brought:

**1. A Day Of True Hope!**

- Because - As Mordecai "Went Out From The Presence Of The King":
  - What To We Read Next?
    - 8:15b - "And The City Of Shushan Rejoiced And Was Glad!"
      - So - Mordecai Left The Grounds Of The Palace - Likely Went Through The "King's Gate" That He Knew So Well - Entered Into The City Of Shushan Itself:
        - And When The People Saw Him, Both Jews & Gentiles, They "Rejoiced" And Were "Glad!"
    - Now What A Difference This Was From:
- The City's First Response:
  - To The Law Of Haman:
    - When It Was Published There In The Capital City!
      - Back In 3:15 - After Hearing That The Jews Were To Be Destroyed - "The City Of Shushan Was Perplexed!"
  - There Was Confusion:
    - And A Great Concern!
      - But Now:

- The City's Second Response:
  - To The Law Of Mordecai:
    - Was Celebration!
      - They "Rejoiced" And Were "Glad!"
- Now - Why Would The City Of Shushan:
  - Respond In This Way:
    - After Seeing Mordecai All Dressed Up In His Regalia?
      - Because When They Saw Mordecai:
        - They Now Had **Hope!**
  - They Jews Of Shushan Had Hope!
    - There Were Quite A Few Jews In That City:
      - And When They Were The First To Hear Haman's Decree:
        - They Were Full Of Grief!
    - But Now That Mordecai Was In Power:
      - One Of Their Own – They Had Hope!
  - They People Of Shushan Had Hope!
    - They Had Heard & Seen For Themselves:
      - The Character Of Mordecai!
        - He Was A Good Man & A Godly Man!
    - Proverbs 29:2 - "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn!"
      - When Haman Was In Charge:
        - He Was Likely One Of The Most Hated Politicians In All Of The Empire! A Wicked Man!
      - But Now That Mordecai Was In Charge:
        - All The People - All The City Could Rejoice!
- It Was A Day Of True Hope!
  - And That Was A Good Day:
    - For The All People Of Shushan!

\* That Day Also Brought:

**2. A Day Of True Joy!**

- Because - As The News Of Mordecai & His Law Was Published:
  - All Throughout The Empire - What Happened?
    - 8:16 - "The Jews had light, and gladness, and joy, and honour!"
      - What A Change!
  - Remember What It Was Like For The Jews:
    - When They Heard About:
      - Haman's Decree?
        - 4:3 - "And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes!"
  - But Now - 8:16 - "The Jews had light, and gladness, and joy, and honour!"
    - As Grief-Stricken As They Were:
      - About Haman's Decree:
        - That Is How Great Their Joy Now Was – And Even Moreso!
  - Whenever The Jews:
    - Heard The News Of Mordecai:
      - It Became:
- A Day Of Great Enlightenment!
  - "The Jews Had Light!"
    - Instead Of The "Gloom" That Had Overspread Their Hearts & Lives!
      - And Instead Of Their Grief!
        - **IE:** They Had Been Living Under A Dark Cloud Of Impending Destruction!
    - But Now - The Fog Was Being Burned Away:
      - By The Rays Of The Sun Of Hope!
        - And They Were Given "Light" In Their Hearts!
  - And That Was A Good Day!

- And It Could Only Have Come To Them:
  - By Such A Good & Gracious God!
    - 2 Samuel 22:29 - “For thou art my lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness!”
      - That Day Also Became:
- A Day Of Great Exultation!
  - “The Jews Had Light, And Gladness, And Joy!”
    - From The Inside Out!
      - There Was A Great Joy Welling Up Inside Them - And It Just Had To Get Out!
        - With Smiles & Shouts & Singing!
    - And That Was A Good Day!
      - That Day Also Became:
  - A Day Of Great Esteem!
    - “The Jews Had Light, And Gladness, And Joy, And Honor!”
      - The Hearts & Thoughts:
        - Of The Persians:
          - Changed!
            - Not Just Toward Mordecai But All the Jews!
        - Now The Jews Were Seen As Valuable!
          - Now The Jews Were Honored!
      - And That Was A Good Day!
    - Even Though They Were Still Months Away:
      - From The Day Of Their Deliverance!
        - But Nothing Could Take Away From That Day – Which Was A Good Day – For All Of The Jews!
      - 8:17 - “And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king’s commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day!”
        - It Was A Day Of True Joy!
          - And That Was A Good Day:
            - For The People Of God!

\* That Day Also Brought:

### 3. ***A Day Of True Change!***

- We Now Come To One Of My Favorite Parts Of Esther!
  - Because - As The News Of Mordecai & His Law Was Published:
    - All Throughout The Empire - Something Else Happened - That We Must Not Miss!
      - 8:17b - “And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them!”
        - This Describes A Great Change & Conversion Among “Many Of The People Of The Land!”
  - We Are Told That They:
    - “Became Jews!”
- Now What Does This Mean?
  - It Does Not Mean:
    - That They “Became Jews” In A National Sense!
      - Because They Were Still A Part Of The Persian Empire At This Point Of Their History!
  - It Can Only Mean:
    - That They “Became Jews” In A Religious Sense!
      - In That - The Jewish Law:
        - Became Their Law! But Even More:
      - That The Jewish God:
        - Became Their God!
      - And Even The Jewish Messiah:
        - Would Become Their Messiah & Their Hope!
    - And So - “Many Of The People Of The Land”:
      - With Different Nationalities, Cultures, Histories, Languages:
        - Actually Wanted To “Become Jews!”
- And To Become A Jew:

- Meant A New Relationship:
  - To The People / The Law / The God Of The Jews!
    - Prophetesied In Zechariah 8:23 - "Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you!"
- And That Was A Good Day!
  - It Was A Day Of True Change:
    - For "Many Of The People Of The Land!"
      - They Now Knew The One True & Living God!
  - The Explanation Given In 8:17:
    - "For The Fear Of The Jews Fell Upon Them!"
      - Only The Lord Could Cause The People Of The Land To Experience Fear:
        - At The Hands Of The Jews - Who Were Still "Scattered Abroad & Dispersed!"
  - (3:8)
  - In Fact - Isn't The Lord Himself:
    - Described As:
      - "The Fear" Of His People!
        - Genesis 31:42!
  - And God Alone Would Be Able To Turn:
    - Their Fear Into Faith:
      - Even As He Has Done For Many Of Us!
- The Fear Of The People:
  - Drove Them **TO** The Jews:
    - And Not **FROM** The Jews!
      - And As They Saw For Themselves God Intervene On Behalf Of His People:
  - It Drove Them **Closer TO** The Lord:
    - And Not **Further FROM** The Lord!
      - And That Was A Good Day!

### Conclusion:

1. But - Do You Realize That:
  - You Too Can Experience The Same Kind Of Day:
    - As The Jews & Persians In That Day?
      - Because - As Great As Mordecai Was:
        - When He "Went Out From The Presence Of The King!"
  - Jesus Christ Is Even Greater!
    - We Often Sing The Song:
      - "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er The Sun Does Its Successive Journeys Run!"
        - But We Often Forget That:
          - "Jesus Does Reign" Even Now!
            - Even Today!
    - In Philippians 2:9 We Are Told That:
      - "God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name!"
        - Although There Is A Future Aspect Of Jesus' Rule & Reign - There Is Also A Present Aspect!
  - And If You Have A Personal Relationship With Jesus Christ:
    - He Is Your Lord & Savior Today!
      - And Then - Really - Every Day Is A Good Day For You!
        - Need To See Them That Way!
2. Every Day Of Your Life As A Christian:
  - Is A Good Day:
    - Because It Is A Day:
      - Of True Hope!
        - Not Only Is Jesus In Charge, But He Is Also In Complete Control!
          - And He Is A Good & Gracious King!
    - Jeremiah 23:5 - "Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth!"

3. Every Day Of Your Life As A Christian:
  - Is A Good Day:
    - Because It Can Be A Day:
      - Of True Joy!
        - After All - This Is Why Jesus Came!
        - Isaiah 61:3 - "To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified!"
4. Every Day Of Your Life As A Christian:
  - Is A Good Day:
    - Because That Was A Day:
      - Of True Change!
        - When You Became One Of God's People! The True "Israel Of God!"
5. And That's Why:
  - Every Day Can / Ought To Be:
    - A Good Day!
      - Psalm 40:1-3 - "I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. / He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. / And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD!"
        - Your Day Of Hope & Joy Can Lead People To Their Own Day Of Change!
        - "Look At What God Can Do!"
6. That's A Good Day!

\* "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus!"

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