

8:13...the information is sent everywhere....it should have been reassuring to the Jews and a word of warning to their enemies.

8:14...and all things were followed through as commanded.

8:15...Mordecai is further honored and the Jews are glad...in fact all of Shushan is glad

8:16...and the joy of Israel is overwhelming.

8:17...note the celebration and the way in which it is carried out and notice the effect on the population in some ways...many persons becoming Jews in the light of their deliverance and purpose.

III. Conclusion

Centuries later we are still able to rejoice with them. With the wise counsel of Mordecai the king is able to maintain the respect for the laws of the kingdom and yet to allow the Hebrew people means to care for themselves. They still have enemies but the power of the enemy is greatly reduced and the resources of the Jews greatly increased. Somehow, if this were an old vaudeville production, we would all stand up and cheer. And thanks for being with us today....may the Lord bless you by His Word.

MESSAGE # 14. The Vindication of the Jews Esther 9:1-19

I. Introduction:

Hello and thanks for joining us today in our Esther studies. Nearly nine months have passed since our work in chapter 8 (nine months in the book of Esther, that is) and the Jews are coming to that critical period where the decree had been given against them but for which they have been given the right of defense. Much of their practical deliverance will depend on the readiness to follow the instructions and opportunity given by the governmental authorities. If they would do nothing at all, they might all be annihilated anyway. But the Hebrew people are a zealous bunch and they will do what is required in accordance with the king's command to make this a memorable day.

II. Discussion: