

- 9:1....the fatal day approaches and you will notice in this verse how the tide has turned against the enemies of the Lord's people
- 9:2....The Jews assemble for defense
- 9:3....they receive governmental help...the authority of Mordecai and the king assure some of this.
- 9:4....Mordecai's prominence is here stressed. It is not the first time a Hebrew has become prominent in a Gentile court...remember Joseph and Daniel among others.
- 9:5....The Jews defend themselves...
- 9:6-10....Here is a list of the places where the action was most severe, I suppose, but note the last phrase of verse 10..."on the spoil they laid not their hand." In other words, the Jewish defense was not to enrich them but to secure their lives and properties....they did not raid their enemies.
- 9:11-12...The king hears of the report, is apparently satisfied, and once again speaks to Esther wondering if there is anything else she wants.
- 9:13-14...She wants closure to the whole matter and asks that Haman's sons be hung....and it is done. Some think this is not to Esther's credit but I will tell you what I think...I do not have space to write it out!
- 9:15...The Jews in Shushan avenge themselves but do not take the spoil
- 9:16...likewise throughout the territory 75,000
- 9:17...The action is on the 13th day of Adar, the rest follows on the 14th day.
- 9:18...But the Jews in Shushan needed two "work days" and so rested on the 15th day.
- 9:19...And a great celebration is held...note how they celebrated and encouraged one another.

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III. Conclusion

This chapter shows the vindication of the Jews and for those who are not comfortable with bloodshed, it is not an easy chapter. But the Jews could only act in self-defense, not in aggrandizement of goods or territories. And they proved the integrity of their actions by not taking the spoil. So, until tomorrow....