ESTHER
WEEK 6

WHAT IS YOUR REQUEST?…

Esther 9:1-4 (NLT) So on March 7 the two decrees of the king were put into effect. On that day, the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, but quite the opposite happened. It was the Jews who overpowered their enemies. 2 The Jews gathered in their cities throughout all the king's provinces to attack anyone who tried to harm them. But no one could make a stand against them, for everyone was afraid of them. 3 And all the nobles of the provinces, the highest officers, the governors, and the royal officials helped the Jews for fear of Mordecai. 4 For Mordecai had been promoted in the king's palace, and his fame spread throughout all the provinces as he became more and more powerful.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THE TWO DECREES?

WHY DID THE JEWS HAVE SUCCESS AGAINST THEIR ENEMIES?

WHAT WAS MORDECAI'S ROLE IN THIS VICTORY

WHY MUST WE REJECT A BAD/BITTER/UNFORGIVING SPIRIT?

THE CONFRONTATION…

Esther 9:5-6 (NLT) So the Jews went ahead on the appointed day and struck down their enemies with the sword. They killed and annihilated their enemies and did as they pleased with those who hated them. 6 In the fortress of Susa itself, the Jews killed 500 men.

WHAT IS KEY ABOUT THE ABILITY TO DEFEND OURSELVES?

WHAT ARE THE "LIMITS"?

THE AFTERMATH…

Esther 9:10b-12 (NLT) 10 the ten sons of Haman son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews. But they did not take any plunder. 11 That very day, when the king was informed of the number of people killed in the fortress of Susa, 12 he called for Queen Esther. He said, "The Jews have killed 500 men in the fortress of Susa alone, as well as Haman's ten sons. If they have done that here, what has happened in the rest of the provinces? But now, what more do you want? It will be granted to you; tell me and I will do it."

WHY IS THE PLUNDER ISSUE IMPORTANT?

WHY IS THE KING'S QUESTION STRATEGIC?

DO IT AGAIN…

Esther 9:13-14 (NLT) 13 Esther responded, "If it please the king, give the Jews in Susa permission to do again tomorrow as they have done today, and let the bodies of Haman's ten sons be impaled on a pole." 14 So the king agreed, and the decree was announced in Susa. And they impaled the bodies of Haman's ten sons. 15 Then the Jews at Susa gathered together on March 8 and killed 300 more men, and again they took no plunder.

WHAT MIGHT THE 2 PARTS OF THE REQUEST MEAN?

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THE KINGDOM…

Esther 9:16-17 (NLT) Meanwhile, the other Jews throughout the king's provinces had gathered together to defend their lives. They gained relief from all their enemies, killing 75,000 of those who hated them. But they did not take any plunder. 17 This was done throughout the provinces on March 7, and on March 8 they rested, celebrating their victory with a day of feasting and gladness.

WHAT IS SIGNIFICANT ABOUT THE REPORT FOR THE REST OF THE KINGDOM?

WHY AGAIN IS THE PLUNDER ISSUE SIGNIFICANT?

WHY IS THE DAY OF REST IMPORTANT?