

Esther 8-10

1. An Introduction: What did you see God doing yesterday?

(f) The Jews celebrate rest (9:17)

2. The story of Esther 8-10 ...

(g) The introduction of Purim (9:19ff)

(a) A remarkable reversal for Mordecai ... a massive problem remains (8:1-2, 8:15)

(b) Esther's plea and Xerxes' response (8:3-8)

(c) Another edict (8:9-14)

(d) The response to Mordecai's edict (8:16-17 cf. Exod 12:38)

(e) The day arrives ... and the tables are turned (9:1-2ff cf. 6:13)

3. Two important lessons for us

(a) How God works in the world

(b) What God is doing

Remember and rejoice

They did not take the plunder (9:10, 15, 16)