SCRIPTURE: Esther 7:1-8:17

SERMON: <u>Sudden & Summary Salvation!</u> 18 April 2010

I. WHAT'S THE STORY?

- A. HAMAN'S HUMILIATION COMPLETED (7:1-10; see 6:13,1f)
- **B. MORDECAI'S EXALTION FULFILLED** (8:1-17; see 6:1f)
- **C. SUDDEN: IN ONE DAY** (6:1; 7:2; 8:1; see 4:16; 5:1,4,8,9; 6:1; see 8:12)
- D. SUMMARY: COMPLETELY TURNED IN KIND & EXTENT (8:2-27 // 3:10-15)
 - 1. destroy, kill, annihilate X light, gladness & joy, honor (3:13(7:4) X 8:16)
 - 2. sackcloth & ashes w/dust on head X purple & white w/crown on head (4:1; 2Sam.15:32 X 8:15)
 - 3. Susa in sorrow X Susa in joy (3:15 X 8:15f)

II. WHAT'S THE POINT?

- **A. SATAN & HIS KINGDOM vs. CHRIST & HIS KINGDOM** (7:4f; 8:1f; see Gen.3:15; Col.2:15; 1Jn.3:8; Rev.12:5f; 19:11f; see 4/4/10 sermon)
- **B. NOW & NOT YET** (6:13; 8:3f; see Rom.6:20f; 7:23; 8:23f; Eph.6:10f; Rev.12:13f)
- **C. SLOW SUFFERING & QUICK JOY** (7:2; 8:1; see 3:12; 8:9; 2Chr.36:21; see Mk.8:31; Acts 2:1f,33; see Lk.18:7; 2Th.2:8; Rev.20:9; 1Pt.5:10; 2Pt.3:3f; Ps.30:5)
- **D. ANSWERED PRAYER** (4:3,16; Dan.8:3; see Lk.11:1f; 18:1f; Phil.4:6,7; 1Pt.5:7; Ps.30:2f)
- **E. YOU ARE NOT ALONE** (5:3,6; 7:2,3; 8:3f,6; see Mt.22:39; 1Cor.12:1ff; Eph.4:16,11f; 25b)
- **F. FULL & COMPLETE TURNING** (7:10; 8:1f,2,15; see 9:1,22,25; Ps.7:16)
- G. SALVATION IN THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMIES (7:6f; 8:11-13; see 1Jn.3:8; Rev.19-22)

III. WHAT'S THE USE?

- **A. HUMBLE YOURSELF!** (4:1f,16f; 5:1f; see Neh.1:4f; 2:1f; 1Pt.5:6f; Lk.18:14,1f)
- **B. WAIT PATIENTLY!** (4:16; 5:8; 8:12; see Ps.37:7; 40:1; Rom.8:25,28; Heb.6:15; Jms.5:7; 1Pt.5:10; 2Pt.3:3f)
- **C. SEIZE YOUR OPPORTUNITIES TO FULFILL YOUR DUTIES!** (5:1f; 7:1f; 8:3f; see 2:21f; 8:2f,7f; 9:4f; see Eph.4:12,16; 1Pt.4:10,11; Mt.22:39)
- **D. DESTROY THE ENEMIES OF YOUR SOUL!** (3:10; 8:1; see 7:6; 8:13; see Eph6:11f; Mk9:43f,50; Col.3:5f)
- **E. LEAVE VENGEANCE TO GOD!** (4:1f,16; 5:1f; 7:1f,10; 8:1f; see Rom.12:17f; 13:1f)