

**I. MORDECAI & ESTHER RULE!** (c.9,10)

**A. DOOMED TO DESTRUCTION** (9:1a,24; see 3:1f,8f; 4:1f)

**B. OVERTURNED INTO JOY** (9:1,22; 8:8f(Rom.8:28); see 25; Ps.7:16; see Ps.30:5,11)

1. destroyed destroyers (9:5,1ff; 8:11; see 3:13)
2. shamed shamers (9:9,10,13,25; 7:10; see 5:11,14)
3. ruled rulers (9:4,20f,29f; see 8:2)

**C. MORDECAI RULED** (9:4,20f; 10:2,3; see 8:2,15; see Joseph, Daniel, Nehemiah)

1. counter-decree for destruction (8:2f,7f,11; see 9:2ff)
2. recorded for testimony (9:20,32; see 2:23; 6:1f; 10:2; see Lk.1:1f; Jn..20:30f)
3. decree for celebration (9:20f,16f; note: Pur/im-9:26 w/3:12(Ex.12:2,6); Prov.16:33; 21:1)
4. enduring rule (10:2f; see 8:2f)

**D. ESTHER RULED WITH HIM** (9:12f,29f)

1. petitions to the King (9:12f; see 5:3,6; 7:2,3; 8:3f)
2. decrees to the Jews (9:29X31; 32; see 20><32)
3. as fasting, so feasting (9:31; see 4:3.16; later Judaism: fast on 13<sup>th</sup>, feast on 14<sup>th</sup>)

**E. JEWS REJOICED TOGETHER** (9:17,18<19<22; 8:16f; see 9:20f&29f))

**II. CHRIST & CHURCH RULE!**

**INTRODUCTION: ONE BATTLE IN THE GREAT WAR** (8:11 vs 9:10,15,16; 24 w/ 1S.15:1-3/9f; 26f; 16:12f)

**A. DOOMED TO DESTRUCTION** (9:1; Acts 13:29; see Gen.3:1f; Jn.8:44; 1Pt.5:8; Rev.12:13f)

**B. OVERTURNED INTO JOY** (9:22; Acts13:30; Gn3:15; Jn12:31,32; Rev12:5,7f /Eph2:5; Col.2:12; Ps30:5,11)

**C. CHRIST RULES** (10:3; Mt.26:64; Acts 2:33; 7:55; Eph.1:20f; 1Pt.3:22; see Rom.5:12f(Est.8:2; Gen.1:27; 2:8))

**D. CHURCH RULES WITH HIM** (9:29; Eph.2:6; Col.3:1f; see Lk.22:30; Rev.2:26; 3:21; 20:4)

**E. CHRISTIANS REJOICE TOGETHER** (9:20f; Jn.20:1,19; Acts 20:7; Rev.1:10; see Lk.22:30; 1Cor.5:7f; 10:16; 11:23f (11:22; 16:1f); w/Acts 13:2,3; 14:23; Mt.6:16f,1f)

**III. ALL THINGS HAVE BEEN OVERTURNED FOR YOU!** (9:22; see Jn.16:20)

**A. PRAISE GOD FOR THE PRESENT RULE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!** (10:2 /Eph1:20f; 1Pt3:22)

**B. AT HIS COMMAND, DESTROY THOSE WHO WOULD DO YOU HARM!** (8:7f; 9:1f; see Mk.9:43f; Col.3:5f; Heb.12:5f; 2Cor.10:4,5; see 1Sam.15:1f)

**C. PRAY FOR HIS FULL & FINAL VICTORY OVER ALL HIS & OUR ENEMIES!** (9:16,22; Josh.21:44; 2Sam.7:1; see Mt.26:64; 1Cor.15:25; 1Th.2:8; Rev.19-22)

**D. CELEBRATE THE DAY OF HIS VICTORY WITH THE FEAST OF HIS VICTORY!** (9:20f,28; Jn.20:1,19; Acts 20:7; Rev.1:10; see Lk.22:30; 1Cor.5:7f; 10:16; 11:23f)

**E. FAST & ASK THAT YOUR SORROWS WOULD BE OVERTURNED!** (9:31; 4:3,16; see Mt.6:16f,1f; Acts 13:2,3; 14:23; note: *Fast Day*, Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>; apostasy, fornication, illness, unemployment, bankruptcy, etc.)

**F. FEAST & GIVE WHEN YOUR SORROWS ARE OVERTURNED!** (9:1,22; 1Chr.16:3; Eph.4:8f (Acts 2:33f; 1Cor.12:1f); see 1Cor.11:22; 16:1f)