

ARE YOU THERE GOD?

Week #2 - Divine Reversals in the Story of Esther

• An _____ reversal.

On that same day King Xerxes gave the property of Haman, the enemy of the Jews, to Queen Esther... . And Esther appointed Mordecai to be in charge of Haman's property.

Esther 8:1-2 (NLT)

• A _____ reversal.

Then Mordecai was brought before the king, for Esther had told the king how they were related. The king took off his signet ring—which he had taken back from Haman—and gave it to Mordecai.

Esther 8:1-2 (NLT)

• A _____ reversal.

...the king's secretaries were summoned, and a decree was written exactly as Mordecai dictated. It was sent to the Jews and to the highest officers, the governors, and the nobles of all the 127 provinces stretching from India to Ethiopia. The decree was written in the scripts and languages of all the peoples of the empire, including that of the Jews. The decree was written in the name of King Xerxes and sealed with the king's signet ring. Mordecai sent the dispatches by swift messengers... .

Esther 8:9-10 (NLT)

• An _____ reversal.

Mordecai went out from the king's presence donning blue and white royal robes, a large gold crown, and a fine linen and purple cape. When the people of the city of Susa saw this, they exploded into joy. For the Jews, it was a time of celebration. Darkness had turned to light. Sadness to joy. Shame to honor. In every city and province, wherever the king's law and orders were received, there was happiness and joy among the Jews. They feasted, they danced, they celebrated... .

Esther 8:15-17 (VOICE)

• A _____ reversal.

...And many people of other nationalities became Jews because fear of the Jews had seized them.

Esther 8:17 (NIV)

Discussion Questions

1. This week we heard about a few divine reversals God orchestrated for Esther, Mordecai, and the Jews. Share a time in your life when God has reversed and renewed your own life. Whom or what did God use to bring about this life change?
2. Is there an area, circumstance, or relationship in your life in need of God's intervention? How can you pray about that this week? How is God inviting you to act on your behalf?
3. In what ways can you intercede on someone else's behalf to accomplish God's purpose in their life?

Recommended Resources

- *You Were Made for This Moment*, by Max Lucado
- *Hope in the Dark*, by Craig Groeschel
- *Unshakable Hope*, by Max Lucado
- *Don't Give Up*, by Kyle Idleman