

A Day of Reckoning and Celebration

Esther 9.1-10.3

1. God has set a Day of Reckoning for the enemies of his people, vs 1-16

- *judgement and destruction*
- *ample opportunity to convert through the testimony of God's people 8.17;9.3; Acts 6.7*
- *justice demands God's enemies are destroyed 8.11; 9.5-10,15-16 Haman's sons: a deterrent v13 the fulfilment of longstanding instructions Ex 17.8-16; Dt 25.19; 1 Sam 15.2-33; 28.18*
- *the final day of reckoning Mat 13.36-43,47-50; 2 Thess 1.4-10 justice for God's suffering people*

2. God has set a Day of Celebration for all his people, vs 17-23

- *final relief from all our enemies
feasting and joy vs 17-19,22
2 Thess 1.7; Lk 1.68-74; Is 61.1-3*
- *praise for our all-conquering king
2 Thess 1.10; Rev 7.9-11;
Rev 11.15-18; 19.1-7*

3. God has set a Way of Remembering his actions and promises, vs 20-32

- *written records vs 20,22-23,29,32
the what and the why*
- *The Bible: God's royal archives
and decrees Rev 1.1-3*

*a great epitaph for a fine servant
he worked for the good of his people
and spoke peace to all 10.3
Mark 9.35; 10.45*