



- At Purim Jewish people fast (as per ch 5) and then feast. Why does it matter that they remember something of the hardship before the rescue? How might that apply to us?
- Chapter 10:1-3 is a kind of 'happy ever after but there's still tension. What tensions do we see? How does that parallel our tension? What are we looking forward to? See Rev 11:15.

### **Esther 8-10 - The results of God's sovereignty**

In these last 3 chapters we see the end of the story, with the people of God protected and then to perpetually remember these events for the generations to come.

We noted 4 lines of application

- (a) God cares for his people
  - (b) The end of the story will always be a day of grace and justice
  - (c) Don't forget to remember
  - (d) The promise of more...
- How do we see God caring for his people in this story? Do you think God cares for you? How is that care seen?
  - We noted that right through the scriptures when a holy-God God visits, we always see justice and grace, punishment and preservation. How do we see that in these accounts? Where else do we see that pattern in the bible? How will it be seen when Jesus returns?