

# SERMON OUTLINE

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**Text : Esther 8**

**Title : The Tables Are Turning**

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## Introduction

**1) The Story so far ...** the vile Haman is dead but the king's edict that Haman issued to destroy, kill and annihilate all Jews is very much alive!

## 2) The Reversals

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| a) The king's signet ring given to Haman (3:10)  | The king's signet ring given to Mordecai (8:2a)  |
| b) The king's edict to destroy, kill and annihilate all the Jews on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, and to plunder their goods (3:13) | The king's edict granting the Jews the right to assemble and protect themselves; to destroy, kill and annihilate any who might attack them and their wives and children, and to plunder the property of their enemies on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month (8:11-12) |
| c) After the edict was issued, the city of Susa was bewildered (3:15b)   | After the edict was issued, the city of Susa held a joyous celebration (8:15b)   |
| d) When Mordecai heard the edict, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes (4:1)  | Mordecai left the king's presence wearing royal garments of blue and white, a large crown of gold and a purple robe of fine linen (8:15a)  |
| e) When the Jews heard the edict, there was great mourning among them, with fasting, weeping and wailing (4:3)                                 | When the Jews heard the edict, there was joy and gladness among the Jews, with feasting and celebration (8:17a)  |

## For Reflection and Action