

# THE GOOD HAND OF OUR GOD IS UPON US

## A Study of Ezra & Esther

### Big Picture & Class Outline (Chronological Study)

- First Exile Expedition: Temple from Ruins (Ezra 1-6).
- Back in Persia: Everyone almost Dies (Esther).
- Second Exile Expedition: A Return to the Law (Ezra 7-10).

### Lesson 8 – Esther 8-10

7. God's people begin to triumph over the house of their enemy (8:1-2).
8. God delivers His people Israel from their evil enemies (8:3-14).
  - a. Esther begs the king to stop the evil that is coming to her people (8:3-6).
  - b. The king grants permission for the Jews to fight back against their enemies (8:7-14).
9. God allows His people to rejoice over their enemies (8:15-9:4).
  - a. The Jewish people are exalted (8:15-17).
  - b. The Jewish people overpowered those who hated them (9:1-4).

10. The Jewish people slaughtered their enemies but did not plunder them (9:5-19).

11. The decree of Esther for the holiday of Purim was announced in two letters (9:20-32).

12. Mordecai sought the good of his people in Haman's position of second in the kingdom (10).

### **So What?**

- Our sorrow will be turned to joy which no one can take away from us. The best is still to come (John 16:16-24; Revelation 21:4).
- Nothing is random. “The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD” (Proverbs 16:33).
- Jesus is the only one who will bring real peace (Zechariah 9:10).
- Hope in the Lord, not in men or yourself.