

Esther: Conclusion (Ch. 10)

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Verses 1-3

This short chapter seems to serve merely to emphasize Mordecai's greatness and refer the reader to the chronicles of the kings of Persia if they should seek to find more information. As second in command, it appears he did great things in the empire, especially concerning the Jews.

Any Christian in a position of great influence and authority should similarly enact laws and make decisions that positively affect God's people (cf. Pr. 3:27), rather than become corrupted by their power.

Conclusion

The book of Esther is about **providence**. The Jewish race was on the verge of annihilation, but through the faith and courage of Esther and Mordecai, the people were delivered. The wicked and proud Haman was brought down to his death (Pr. 16:18) while the humble Mordecai was exalted to the king's right hand (Jas. 4:10). All made possible by a number of key events, but perhaps none more important than a woman who stood up for her people and recognized that she had "come to the kingdom for such a time as this" (4:14).

As mentioned in the introduction, while God is never explicitly mentioned in the entire book, it is clear He is at work in the people and events described therein. Like the natural world in which we live, God's name is nowhere, but His hand is everywhere (cf. Rom. 1:20).