

ESTHER 10



Esther 10:1-3

1 King Ahasuerus imposed tax on the land and on the coastlands of the sea.

2 And all the acts of his power and might, and the full account of the high honor of Mordecai, to which the king advanced him, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?

3 For Mordecai the Jew was second in rank to King Ahasuerus, and he was great among the Jews and popular with the multitude of his brothers, for he sought the welfare of his people and spoke peace to all his people.

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- Esther has been called “a book of wonders with no miracle” (Spurgeon)
- This book ends with simple, yet truthful, statements
- Ahasuerus continued as king and imposed new taxes on the empire (daily life continues)
- Esther is no fairy tale as it does not begin with “long ago and far away” and does not end with “they lived happily ever after”

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- True, the Lord delivers His people, however, life goes on and the king imposes new taxes (as governments will do)
- Nowhere in the account does the king set aside his royal robes, take a vow of poverty, and sell his palace and distribute among the poor

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- Once again, one of God's people has been promoted to a high rank within the invading kingdom – second only to the king himself
- Even in captivity, the Lord remembers, hears, and preserves His people

For such as time as this...

- A king throws a party...
- A queen refuses to appear...
- Advisors council the king...
- A queen is removed...
- A king returns defeated...
- A search for a bride...

For such as time as this...

- A daughter is orphaned...
- Her beauty is great...
- Her identity is hidden...
- She is chosen...
- A plot is foiled...
- Evil is promoted...
- A man refuses to bow...
- A decree is issued...

For such as time as this...

- A date is delayed...
- A queen intrudes...
- A sceptre is extended...
- Gallows are built...
- A sleepless night...
- An account is read...
- A man is honored...

For such as time as this...

- An identity is revealed...
- A head is covered...
- A decree is written...
- A nation is saved...
- A man is promoted...