

Esther 10

Verses 1- 3

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

² And every accomplishment of his authority and power, and the full account of the greatness of Mordecai with which the king honored 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 *only* to King Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews and in favor with his many kinsmen, one who sought the good of his people and one who spoke for the welfare of his entire nation.

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King Ahasuerus was ruler from India to Ethiopia, most of the known world at that time and Mordecai was second only to the king. Only the providence of God could elevate a despised Jew to a position of honor and trust in such a great empire. It should be obvious that God did this because of his promise to Abraham and He had done this a number of times throughout history as has already been mentioned.

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This was a great national deliverance of God's people, a deliverance which brought comfort and hope to millions of Jews but God was also blessing the Persian Empire as a whole by having Mortdecai in a position to level out the undisciplined actions of a king that could be erratic and impulsive.