

Esther 10:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For Mordecai the Jew was next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

Analysis

Mordecai's legacy: **'For Mordecai the Jew was next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed'**. The book's final verse establishes Mordecai's elevation to second-in-command (like Joseph in Egypt) and his use of power for his people's benefit. The phrase 'seeking the wealth of his people' shows servant leadership prioritizing others' good. 'Speaking peace to all his seed' indicates comprehensive concern for Jewish welfare across generations. This demonstrates God's pattern of positioning faithful people in authority to benefit His covenant people, foreshadowing Christ's eternal reign benefiting His church.

Historical Context

Ancient Near Eastern kingdoms often elevated capable administrators regardless of ethnicity—Joseph, Daniel, and Mordecai exemplify this pattern. Mordecai's position as second-in-command gave him power to protect Jews throughout the Persian Empire, reversing their vulnerability. The phrase 'accepted of the multitude' shows he maintained popular support, avoiding the isolation that sometimes accompanies power. Archaeological evidence shows Persian administrative positions included diverse ethnic groups, confirming that capable

foreigners could achieve high office. Mordecai's legacy as protector and advocate for his people established model of faithful use of political power for kingdom purposes.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does Mordecai's use of power to benefit his people model Christian leadership serving others rather than self?
2. What does his elevation demonstrate about God's sovereignty positioning believers strategically for kingdom impact?

Interlinear Text

כִּי יִ	מִרְדֵּכָי	לְהוֹדִים	מִשְׁנָה	לְמֶלֶךְ	אַחֲשֵׁר וְשׁ
H3588	For Mordecai	among the Jews	was next	unto king	Ahasuerus
	H4782	H3064	H4932	H4428	H325
וְגָדוֹל	לְהוֹדִים	וְקִבַּץ	לְרַב	אֶחָיו	דֹּרֵשׁ
and great	among the Jews	and accepted	of the multitude	of his brethren	seeking
H1419	H3064	H7521	H7230	H251	H1875
טוֹב	לְעַמּוֹ	וְדֹבֵר	שְׁלָמִים	לְכָל	זַרְעוֹ:
the wealth	of his people	and speaking	peace	H3605	to all his seed
H2896	H5971	H1696	H7965		H2233

Additional Cross-References

Nehemiah 2:10 (Parallel theme): When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

Romans 14:18 (Parallel theme): For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

Romans 10:1 (Parallel theme): Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

Genesis 41:40 (Parallel theme): Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou.

2 Chronicles 28:7 (Kingdom): And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah that was next to the king.

Daniel 5:29 (Kingdom): Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.