

# Esther 9:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha,

## Analysis

**And Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha** (וְאֶת פּוֹרְתָא וְאֶת אֲדַלְיָא וְאֶת אֲרִידָתָא)—The list continues with three more sons. Adalia (אֲדַלְיָא) possibly means 'honor of god' in Persian. The repetition of the conjunction wě-'ēt ('and') before each name emphasizes individual accountability—each son bore responsibility for participating in the conspiracy.

Proverbs 11:21 declares, 'the seed of the righteous shall be delivered,' while the seed of the wicked faces judgment. This principle plays out literally in Esther: Mordecai's family line is preserved and exalted, while Haman's is completely cut off. Yet even this foreshadows how God's ultimate Seed, Christ, delivers His people from Satan's genocidal hatred (Rev 12:13-17).

## Historical Context

As sons of the second-most powerful man in the Persian Empire (3:1), these men would have wielded enormous influence. Their elimination was necessary to prevent future retaliation and to signal the complete reversal of Haman's anti-Jewish policy throughout the empire.

## Related Passages

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does generational faithfulness (like Mordecai's) contrast with generational rebellion (like Haman's)?
2. What does the complete defeat of this genocidal plot reveal about God's unstoppable purposes for His people?

## Interlinear Text

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וְיָ תַן	פּוֹרַתָּא	וְיָ תַן	אֲדַלְיָא	וְיָ תַן	אַרִידַתָּא:
H853	<b>And Poratha</b> H6334	H853	<b>and Adalia</b> H118	H853	<b>and Aridatha</b> H743

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