

Lesson 13

The Power of Ahasuerus and the Greatness of Mordecai (Esther 10)

Questions

1. What did Ahasuerus do with his power for the people of the empire (10:1-2)?

2. What did Mordecai do with his greatness for his own people (10:3)?

3. How would you summarize the character of the following persons?

Ahasuerus -

Haman -

Mordecai -

Esther -

4. How is the providence of God displayed in the following events?

The selection of Esther to replace Vashti as queen (Esther 1-2) –

The plot of Haman to kill the Jews (Esther 3) –

The involvement of Mordecai and Esther with the king to save their people (Esther 4-8) –

The decree of the king allowing the Jews time to defend themselves (Esther 8-9) -

The advancement of Mordecai to greatness in the kingdom (Esther 10) -

5. What are some examples of the “reversal” theme in the book of Esther?

Digging Deeper

1. What is the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia (10:2)?
2. How does Mordecai’s advancement in the end show Haman (3:8) to be wrong?
3. How does Mordecai’s advancement in the end show Haman’s wise men and wife (6:13) to be right?

Applications for Today

1. When God advances you to a position of greatness in life, always use it to serve others and help them (10:3; Lk. 2:52; Gal. 1:14).
2. Always seek the good and the peace of your brethren (10:3; 1 Pet. 3:11).