

## Notes on Esther 10

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### F. Conclusion

This last chapter is just a conclusion of the story. We are told of the greatness of King Ahasuerus and of Mordecai.

Ahasuerus imposed tribute on the land and on the islands of the sea. This appears to be a statement of his power: he had power so widespread that people throughout the land and sea paid him tribute.

Also his power and the greatness of Mordecai were recorded in the written chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia (cf. on 6:1). This would emphasize that these men and the story we have studied were real history, not myth or legend. Many things about their lives and work could be confirmed by the Persian history.

The story ends by concluding that Mordecai was a powerful man, second only to the king. The Jews respected him and viewed him as a great man, because he did what was good for the people and worked for their peace and well being.

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