

ESTHER
~ ACT TWELVE ~

The Kingdom Made Sure
Ch. 10:1-3

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**“ACT TWELVE” COMMENCES
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(Secured to its Fullest Extent)**

⇒ **Class Reference Reading:**

- ◆ **Esther 10:1-3**
- ◆ **Story of the Bible, Vol. 4, pp. 394-398**
 - * **“Subsequent Greatness of Ahasuerus and Mordecai”**

⇒ **THEME VERSE (Zech. 9:10): “...and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.”**

Sovereignty Over all Lands

⇒ **Vs. 1:** *“And the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon the land, and upon the isles of the sea”* (Esth. 10:1).

- ◆ One of the most satisfying thoughts that we as believers in the hope of Israel might ponder is the glory and majesty of the Kingdom to which none can compare. The Scriptures are not void of such glimpses of this wonderful day for which we hope: Isaiah’s parable of the peaceable Kingdom and Ezekiel’s prophecy of the future house of prayer feature prominently, for example.
- ◆ In accordance with the Master’s parable, however, the Kingdom will grow from a tiny mustard seed nation in Eretz Israel into a global empire eventually filling the earth, and all dominions will serve and obey him as the Scriptures testify. As we near the end of our consideration of this wonderful book, we might well ask ourselves, “What am I doing to prepare for this moment?” (**Psa. 72:8; Isa. 24:23; Isa. 42:4, 10; Isa. 51:5; Zeph. 2:11**).
- ◆ This first verse of Esther 10 indicates that a tribute or “tax” is to be levied *“upon the land and upon the isles of the sea.”* Again, the parabolic structure of the book of Esther is strictly in accordance with prophecies regarding the Kingdom Age as will be seen from the following references: **Psa. 45:12; Isa. 60:5-14**.

The Greatness of Mordecai

⇒ **Vs. 2:** *“And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto the king advanced him, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?”*

- ◆ **Isa. 52:6-15:** Can we ponder walking about the temple palace of Jerusalem, upon whose columns will be adorned the face of Jesus Christ, the Savior and Son of the living God? Can we fathom the greatness of his power? Can we glimpse the brightness of his coming, the vast sweeping end to man’s dominion of sin, the righteous indignation of his judgment, the glory of his reign, and the beauty of his holiness? We well should, as all that he **will do**, and all that he **will be**, inclusive of his brethren, the glorified redeemed from all ages, has been recorded within this little book, which fits like a glove upon Yahweh’s Word of Truth!
- ◆ *“All the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai”* will soon be revealed to all mankind. The Psalms abound with such

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lively descriptions of the coming greatness and majesty of the Kingdom such as Psalm 48 (A SONG AND PSALM FOR THE SONS OF KORAH):

- ¹ **Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.**
- ² *Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.*
- ³ *God is known in her palaces for a refuge...*
- ¹² *Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.*
- ¹³ *Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following (cp. Eph. 1:17-23; Rev. 7:9-12).*

Speaking Peace Unto all His Seed

⇒ **Vs. 3:** *“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 account is careful to note that Mordecai was now *“accepted of the multitude of his brethren.”* Thus, within the hidden parable of Esther before us, the days of Israel’s rebellion and disobedience against Yahweh and His Anointed will be past. Israel, both natural and spiritual, will have entered into their Sabbath rest of the millennial aion. It is a period that is hidden from the eyes of men, and so it will come upon them as a thief. *“But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness”* (1 Thes. 5:4-5).
- ◆ The Prince of Peace will then reign in Zion and before his ancients gloriously. Again, the Psalms and prophets are filled with glimpses of this time relative to the enduring peace that will reign over the nations for 1000 years (**Psa. 29:11; Psa. 37:11; Psa. 72:1-7; Psa. 85:8-13; Psa. 122; Isa. 9:6-7; Isa. 52:7; Isa. 54:13; Isa. 66:12; Ezek. 37:26; Nah. 1:15; Hag. 2:9; Zech. 6:13; Zech. 9:10**).
- ◆ We know that Yahweh is even now preparing the spiritual seed of the house of David—*“the multitude of his brethren”*—who will be the administrators of the Kingdom Age. Yahweh willing, we hope to be among those who likewise seek the wealth of his people Israel, guiding them as shepherds for 1000 years. Yet, to accomplish this, we must first seek *“the wealth of his people” now*, which is the faithful gleaning of His Word and observance of His will, which has primarily to do with slaying that wicked Haman—the carnal mind—that dwells in us as a principle of the law of sin and death to be subdued by the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus.
- ◆ If one desires to be of the king’s seed to whom he will speak peace—to whom he will delight to honor—then the following instructions to be written in the tablet of the heart of the believer above all else must occur, preparing one to stand as a spiritual warrior for Christ:
 - * *“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?...”* (1 Cor. 6:9)
 - * *“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh”* (Gal. 5:16).
 - * *“Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart”* (2 Tim. 2:22).

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- * *“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called...” (1 Tim. 6:12).*
- * *“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the [diabolos], and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded” (Jas. 4:7-8).*
- * *“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ” (2 Cor. 10:5).*
- * *“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Rom. 12:2).*
- * *“He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the [ecclesias]. **I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star [cp. Esther name].** And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely” (Rev. 22:11-17).*

⇒ Commit these passages to memory, just a few among many, that one may be furnished with the *“whole armour of God”* to serve Yahweh both now, and in His Kingdom to come, to be among the faithful of ages past, such as Mordecai and Esther. These faithful will stand together about the throne in praise of him who has called them, perfected them, and chosen them (**Rev. 4:4; Rev. 5:11; Rev. 7:13-14**).

⇒ We will close our study of ACT TWELVE with a quote from *Elpis Israel* (pg. 76—*Logos Edition*), which is an appropriate summary of the underlying message and exhortation of the book of Esther to believers of these last days.

Conclusion

“A man cannot ‘honor God’ more than in believing what He promises, and in doing what He commands... His veracity must not be impeached in word or deed; if it be, then ‘judgment without mercy’ is the ‘sorer punishment’ which awaits the calumniator. The unswerving obedience of faith, is the ‘faith made perfect by works,’ tried by fire. God is pleased with this faith, because it honors Him. It is a working faith. There is life in it; and its exercise proves that the believer loves Him. **Such a man it is God’s delight to honor;** and, though like Jesus he be for the present, ‘despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief,’ the time will certainly come, when God will acknowledge him in the presence of the Elohim, and overwhelm his enemies with confusion of face.”



ESTHER — Review Questions (ACT TWELVE)

1. The theme verse for ACT TWELVE is _____
2. How does this verse fit within the context of what is revealed in ACT TWELVE? _____

3. In Esther 10:1 we have a word picture of a sovereign king exercising his rule over the nations via the levying of a tax. Where in the prophets do we find a similar word picture of the Kingdom of God on earth? _____

4. Esther 10:2 speaks of the power and might of Ahasuerus as well as the greatness of Mordecai. List several prophecies that speak to the greatness and glory of the Kingdom of God under the reign of Messiah. _____

5. In Esther 10:3, how does Mordecai’s position in relation to the Jews contrast with that of Jesus Christ at his first coming? (references) _____

6. How does Esther 10:3 foreshadow the position of Jesus following his second coming? (references) _____

7. List at least three Scriptural references (and a brief explanation of each) that illustrate the antitype of Mordecai “speaking peace to all his seed.” _____

8. Describe the character of one of whom the king “delights to honor” with a place in his kingdom. (references) _____

9. (Appendix A) – How many times does the name of Deity appear in the book of Esther? _____
10. (Appendix A) – What two titles of Deity are found hidden in the text? _____ and _____
11. (Appendix A) – In what format do these names appear? _____
12. (Appendix A) – Why are these titles of Deity hidden? _____

13. What can we learn from the fact that these titles were hidden from plain view? _____

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