

Context

- 1] King Xerxes ruled gloriously over the Medo Persian Empire (1:4)
- 2] He elevated Haman who conspired to kill all the Jews (3:1ff)
- 3] Queen Esther (a secret Jew) and her stepfather Mordecai 'turned the tables' on Haman and the King put him to death. (chs 5-9)

? No mention of Esther? – not the central character (Mordecai)?

KV Mordecai was second in rank to King Xerxes, pre-eminent among the Jews...because he worked for the good of his people (3)

MP The welfare of Gods people is secure because they have a representative at the throne of the Almighty.

The King's reign (1)

- 1] Imposed tribute

Cf sign of sovereignty (Ps 72:10)

Eg for the Lord by his people (Nu 31:28ff); for David by enemies (2 Sam 8:2); for Solomon by his peaceful subjects (1 King 4:20)

- 2] Throughout empire to distant shores

ie the whole known world

Cf Is 42:4,10)

The Lord reigns supreme (Ps 99:1,2)

All creation owes God their worship

The record (2)

- 1] Acts of Kings power and might

nb Acts of power and might (Ps 150:2)

- 2] Mordecai

a) full account of greatness

nb very unusual for a king to share his greatness glory cf Is 42:8

b) to which King raised him

cf to Haman (5:11)

cf Jesus raised him to greatness (Phil 2:9)

The glory of God and His Son has been revealed for all to see

3] Written

a) are they not written

Cf record of Kings of Judah (1 Kings 11:41,42; 14:29; 15:23; 16:14; 2Chron25:26

b) the annals of Medes and Persians

cf (2:23; 6:1-3)

nb Recorded {for all to see} (Rom 1:20)

God is faithful to His promises in His Word and saves his people

All his majesty is revealed in his Word

Mordecai the Jew (3)

1] second in rank

Cf Haman given a seat higher than all other nobles (3:1)

Cf Genesis 41:41; Nehemiah 1:11; Daniel 2:48

Jesus (Phil 2:5-9)

Nb sat at right hand of God (Heb 1:3; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2)

**Jesus is at the Fathers right hand (second to Him) **

2] a Jew

a) pre-eminent among the Jews

cf the 2nd Adam (1 Cor 15:22; 45)

b) held in high esteem

3] his ministry to /for the Jews

a) worked for good

cf (being at servant of) (Phil 2:7)

b) spoke for welfare

ie Pre-eminent, esteemed, for working for good of Jews (Rev.5:9)

Jesus not only saves but he gives provision for their welfare (Rmns 8:23)

c) the Jews = his seed (descendants!)

nb other nationalities became Jews (8:17)

the 'whosoever' of Jesus (Jn 11:26)

Conclusion

1] Submit to the Lord – all the earth

2] Know and trust the Word of God

3] Enjoy Jesus' care