

## **Mordecai Remembers His Dream**

Additions to Esther 10:4 – 11:1

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Mordecai remembered a dream he had more than ten years earlier in which he believed he saw God's plan for the future. In retrospect he now believed he understood the bizarre symbolism of the dream.

In his dream, Mordecai saw the earth shaking with thunder and lightning, earthquakes and landslides. This was the unstable and uncertain condition of the Jewish people in exile.

Suddenly, two dragons appeared, roaring and ready to fight. These two dragons were Haman, the enemy of the Jews, and Mordecai himself, who turned out in the end to be, along with Queen Esther, the savior of the Jewish people.

Esther was represented in the dream by a tiny spring becoming a mighty river. She was a young Jewish woman of no particular importance, but she had been married to and crowned as queen by the great King Xerxes. Her rise to power put her in a position to save her people from Haman's decree of annihilation – the sun rising and giving its light.

Haman's decree brought the nations of the earth together against the Lord's people, just as in Mordecai's dream. And just as in the dream, the Jews were afraid and cried out to their God. By the miraculous intervention of the Lord, the day of darkness and danger, tribulation and distress, became a day of glorious victory for the people of God.

Mordecai proclaimed, "Since ages long passed the Jews have been God's chosen people. When other nations rose up against us, God remembered us, stood by us, and saved us from disaster. So from now on we will remember this day of vindication with a feast, coming together to celebrate and worship the Lord."