

Chapter 10

Affuerus subdueth manie countries. 4. Mardocheus vnderftandeth, and declareth his dreame. 9. God feperateth his people from other nations by a better lotte.

But king Affuerus made al the earth, and al the ilandes of the fea tributaries. ² Whofe ftrength and empire, and the dignitie and highneffe, wherewith he exalted Mardocheus, are written in the bookes of the Medes, and of the Perfians: ³ and how Mardocheus of the Iewes kinred was fecond after king Affuerus: and great with the Iewes, and acceptable to the people of his bretheren, feking good to his people, and fpeaking thofe things, which pertayned to the good of his feede.

That which is in the Hebrew I haue expreffed moft faithfully. And thefe things that folow, I found written in the common edition, which are conteyned in the greeke tongue and letters: and in the meane time this chapter was extant after the end of the booke: which according to our cuftome, we haue marked with an Obelus before it, that is to fay, a broch.

⁴ And Mardocheus faid: Thefe things are done of God. ⁵ I remember the dreame that I faw, fignifying thefe verie things: neither was any of them frufrate. ⁶ The litle fountayne which grew into a riuier, and was turned into light, and into the funne, and abounded into manie waters, is Efther, whom the king tooke to wife, and made her to be queene. ⁷ But the two dragons: I am, and Aman. ⁸ The nations, that were affembled: are they that endeouored to deftroy the name of the Iewes. ⁹ And my nation: is Ifrael, which cried to our Lord, and our Lord hath faued his people: and he hath deliuered vs from al euils, and hath done great fignes and wonders among the nations: ¹⁰ and he commanded that there fhould be two lottes, one of the people of God, and the other of al Nations. ¹¹ And both lottes are come to the day appointed euen now from that time before God to al nations: ¹² and our Lord hath remembred his

S. Ierome here aduertifeth the reader that he found al hitherto in the Hebrew. And the parcels which folow only in the Septuaginta Greke Edition which either they tranflated out of the Hebrew, or added by infpiration of the Holie Ghoft.

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people, and hath had mercie on his inheritance. ¹³ And these daies shal be obserued in the moneth of Adar the fourteenth, and fiftenth day of the same moneth, with al diligence, and ioy of the people gathered into one affembly, through out al the generations hereafter of the people of Ifrael.