

The Book of Esther

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1 Now in the third year of the reign of Ahasuerus (this is Ahasuerus who reigned from India even to Ethiopia, over one hundred twenty-seven provinces),² in those days, when the King Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Susa the palace,³ in the third year of his reign, he made a feast for all his princes, servants, and his army of Persia and Media and princes of the provinces being before him.⁴ He displayed the riches of his kingdom and the honor of his excellent majesty many days, even one hundred eighty days.

5 When these days were fulfilled, the king made a seven day feast for all the people who were present in Susa the palace, both

great|strong = "H1419" and|strong = "H4428" small|strong = "H6996",
 in|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" court|strong = "H2691"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" garden|strong = "H1594"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428"
 palace|strong = "H1055". ⁶ There were|strong = "H5921" hangings
 of|strong = "H5921" white|strong = "H2353" and|strong = "H3701"
 blue|strong = "H8504" material, fastened|strong = "H0270"
 with|strong = "H5921" cords|strong = "H2256" of|strong = "H5921"
 fine|strong = "H8336" linen|strong = "H8336" and|strong = "H3701"
 purple|strong = "H0713" to|strong = "H5921" silver|strong = "H3701"
 rings|strong = "H1550" and|strong = "H3701" marble
 pillars|strong = "H5982". The|strong = "H5921" couches|strong = "H4296"
 were|strong = "H5921" of|strong = "H5921" gold|strong = "H2091"
 and|strong = "H3701" silver|strong = "H3701", on|strong = "H5921"
 a|strong = "H5921" pavement|strong = "H7531" of|strong = "H5921" red,
 white|strong = "H2353", yellow, and|strong = "H3701" black marble. ⁷
 They|strong = "H3027" gave|strong = "H8248" them|strong = "H3027"
 drinks|strong = "H8248" in|strong = "H4428" golden|strong = "H2091"
 vessels|strong = "H3627" of|strong = "H4428" various
 kinds|strong = "H3627", including|strong = "H4428" royal|strong = "H4438"
 wine|strong = "H3196" in|strong = "H4428" abundance,
 according|strong = "H3027" to|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H3027"
 bounty|strong = "H3027" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3027"
 king|strong = "H4428". ⁸ In|strong = "H5921" accordance|strong = "H5921"
 with|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3605" law|strong = "H1881",
 the|strong = "H3605" drinking|strong = "H8360" was|strong = "H0369"
 not|strong = "H0369" compulsory; for|strong = "H3588" so|strong = "H3651"
 the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" had|strong = "H0369" instructed
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" officials of|strong = "H4428"
 his|strong = "H3605" house|strong = "H1004", that|strong = "H3588"
 they|strong = "H3588" should|strong = "H0376" do|strong = "H6213"
 according|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H5921" every|strong = "H3605"
 man's|strong = "H0376" pleasure|strong = "H7522".

9Also|strong = "H1571" Vashti|strong = "H2060" the|strong = "H0834"
 queen|strong = "H4436" made|strong = "H6213" a|strong = "H0834"
 feast|strong = "H4960" for|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H0834"
 women|strong = "H0802" in|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H0834"
 royal|strong = "H4438" house|strong = "H1004" which|strong = "H0834"
 belonged to|strong = "H1004" King|strong = "H4428"
 Ahasuerus|strong = "H0325".

10On|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0559" seventh|strong = "H7637"
 day|strong = "H3117", when|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0559"
 heart|strong = "H3820" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0559"

king|strong = "H4428" was|strong = "H3820" merry with|strong = "H0854"
 wine|strong = "H3196", he|strong = "H3117" commanded|strong = "H0559"
 Mehuman|strong = "H4104", Biztha|strong = "H0968",
 Harbona|strong = "H2726", Bigtha|strong = "H0903", and|strong = "H4428"
 Abagtha|strong = "H0005", Zethar|strong = "H2242", and|strong = "H4428"
 Carcass, the|strong = "H0559" seven|strong = "H7651"
 eunuchs|strong = "H5631" who|strong = "H4428" served|strong = "H8334"
 in|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0559" presence|strong = "H6440"
 of|strong = "H4428" Ahasuerus|strong = "H0325" the|strong = "H0559"
 king|strong = "H4428", ¹¹ to|strong = "H0935" bring|strong = "H0935"
 Vashti|strong = "H2060" the|strong = "H0853" queen|strong = "H4436"
 before|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428"
 wearing the|strong = "H0853" royal|strong = "H4438"
 crown|strong = "H3804", to|strong = "H0935" show|strong = "H7200"
 the|strong = "H0853" people|strong = "H5971" and|strong = "H0935"
 the|strong = "H0853" princes|strong = "H8269" her|strong = "H7200"
 beauty|strong = "H3308"; for|strong = "H3588" she|strong = "H1931"
 was|strong = "H1931" beautiful|strong = "H3308". ¹² But|strong = "H0935"
 the|strong = "H0834" queen|strong = "H4436" Vashti|strong = "H2060"
 refused|strong = "H3985" to|strong = "H0935" come|strong = "H0935"
 at|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0834" king's|strong = "H4428"
 commandment|strong = "H1697" by|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H0834"
 eunuchs|strong = "H5631". Therefore|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H0834"
 king|strong = "H4428" was|strong = "H0834" very|strong = "H3966"
 angry|strong = "H7107", and|strong = "H0935" his|strong = "H0834"
 anger|strong = "H2534" burned|strong = "H1197" in|strong = "H0935"
 him|strong = "H0935".

¹³Then|strong = "H3651" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428"
 said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559" the|strong = "H3605"
 wise|strong = "H2450" men|strong = "H2450", who|strong = "H3605"
 knew|strong = "H3045" the|strong = "H3605" times|strong = "H6256"
 (for|strong = "H3588" it|strong = "H3588" was|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428" custom|strong = "H1697"
 to|strong = "H0559" consult those|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H3605"
 knew|strong = "H3045" law|strong = "H1881" and|strong = "H4428"
 judgment|strong = "H1779"; ¹⁴ and|strong = "H4428" next|strong = "H7200"
 to|strong = "H0413" him|strong = "H0413" were|strong = "H8269"
 Carshena|strong = "H3771", Shethar|strong = "H8369",
 Admatha|strong = "H0133", Tarshish|strong = "H8659",
 Meres|strong = "H4825", Marsena|strong = "H4826", and|strong = "H4428"
 Memucan|strong = "H4462", the|strong = "H6440" seven|strong = "H7651"
 princes|strong = "H8269" of|strong = "H4428" Persia|strong = "H6539"
 and|strong = "H4428" Media|strong = "H4074", who|strong = "H3427"
 saw|strong = "H7200" the|strong = "H6440" king's|strong = "H4428"

face|strong="H6440", and|strong="H4428" sat|strong="H3427"
 first|strong="H7223" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H6440"
 kingdom|strong="H4438"), ¹⁵ "What|strong="H4100"
 shall|strong="H3808" we|strong="H0834" do|strong="H6213"
 to|strong="H5921" Queen|strong="H4436" Vashti|strong="H2060"
 according|strong="H5921" to|strong="H5921" law|strong="H1881",
 because|strong="H5921" she|strong="H0834" has|strong="H0834"
 not|strong="H3808" done|strong="H6213" the|strong="H0853" bidding
 of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" King|strong="H4428"
 Ahasuerus|strong="H0325" by|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853"
 eunuchs|strong="H5631"?"

16Memucan|strong="H4462" answered|strong="H0559"
 before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428"
 and|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" princes|strong="H8269",
 "Vashti|strong="H2060" the|strong="H3605" queen|strong="H4436"
 has|strong="H0834" not|strong="H3808" done|strong="H3605" wrong
 to|strong="H0559" just|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605"
 king|strong="H4428", but|strong="H3588" also|strong="H4428"
 to|strong="H0559" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605"
 princes|strong="H8269", and|strong="H4428" to|strong="H0559"
 all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971"
 who|strong="H0834" are|strong="H0834" in|strong="H5921"
 all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" provinces|strong="H4082"
 of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" King|strong="H4428"
 Ahasuerus|strong="H0325". ¹⁷ For|strong="H3588" this|strong="H3588"
 deed|strong="H1697" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605"
 queen|strong="H4436" will|strong="H4428" become|strong="H3318"
 known|strong="H3318" to|strong="H0559" all|strong="H3605"
 women|strong="H0802", causing|strong="H0935" them|strong="H0853"
 to|strong="H0559" show contempt|strong="H0959" for|strong="H3588"
 their|strong="H3605" husbands|strong="H1167" when|strong="H3588"
 it|strong="H5921" is|strong="H1697" reported|strong="H0935",
 'King|strong="H4428" Ahasuerus|strong="H0325"
 commanded|strong="H0559" Vashti|strong="H2060" the|strong="H3605"
 queen|strong="H4436" to|strong="H0559" be|strong="H3808"
 brought|strong="H0935" in|strong="H5921" before|strong="H6440"
 him|strong="H5921", but|strong="H3588" she|strong="H3588"
 didn't|strong="H3808" come|strong="H0935".' ¹⁸
 Today|strong="H3117", the|strong="H3605" princesses|strong="H8282"
 of|strong="H4428" Persia|strong="H6539" and|strong="H4428"
 Media|strong="H4074" who|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834"
 heard|strong="H8085" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605"
 queen's|strong="H4436" deed|strong="H1697" will|strong="H0834"
 tell|strong="H0559" all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605"

king's|strong = "H4428" princes|strong = "H8269". This|strong = "H2088"
will|strong = "H0834" cause|strong = "H1697" much|strong = "H1697"
contempt|strong = "H0963" and|strong = "H4428" wrath|strong = "H7110".

19“If|strong = "H0518" it|strong = "H5414" pleases|strong = "H2895"
the|strong = "H6440" king|strong = "H4428", let|strong = "H5414"
a|strong = "H5414" royal|strong = "H4438" commandment|strong = "H1697"
go|strong = "H3318" from|strong = "H4480" him|strong = "H5414",
and|strong = "H0935" let|strong = "H5414" it|strong = "H5414"
be|strong = "H3808" written|strong = "H3789" among|strong = "H4480"
the|strong = "H6440" laws|strong = "H1881" of|strong = "H4428"
the|strong = "H6440" Persians and|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H6440"
Medes|strong = "H4074", so|strong = "H4480" that|strong = "H0834"
it|strong = "H5414" cannot|strong = "H3808" be|strong = "H3808" altered,
that|strong = "H0834" Vashti|strong = "H2060" may|strong = "H0834"
never|strong = "H3808" again|strong = "H6440" come|strong = "H0935"
before|strong = "H6440" King|strong = "H4428" Ahasuerus|strong = "H0325";
and|strong = "H0935" let|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H6440"
king|strong = "H4428" give|strong = "H5414" her|strong = "H5921"
royal|strong = "H4438" estate to|strong = "H0935" another|strong = "H3808"
who|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834" better|strong = "H2896"
than|strong = "H4480" she|strong = "H0834". 20 When|strong = "H3588"
the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428" decree which|strong = "H0834"
he|strong = "H0834" shall|strong = "H0802" make|strong = "H5414"
is|strong = "H0834" published throughout|strong = "H3605"
all|strong = "H3605" his|strong = "H3605" kingdom|strong = "H4438"
(for|strong = "H3588" it|strong = "H5414" is|strong = "H0834"
great|strong = "H1419"), all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
wives|strong = "H0802" will|strong = "H0834" give|strong = "H5414"
their|strong = "H3605" husbands|strong = "H1167" honor|strong = "H3366",
both|strong = "H3605" great|strong = "H1419" and|strong = "H4428"
small|strong = "H6996".”

21This|strong = "H1697" advice|strong = "H1697"
pleased|strong = "H3190" the|strong = "H1697" king|strong = "H4428"
and|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H1697" princes|strong = "H8269",
and|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H1697" king|strong = "H4428"
did|strong = "H6213" according to|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H1697"
word|strong = "H1697" of|strong = "H4428" Memucan|strong = "H4462": 22
for|strong = "H0413" he|strong = "H0376" sent|strong = "H7971"
letters|strong = "H5612" into|strong = "H0413" all|strong = "H3605"
the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428" provinces|strong = "H4082",
into|strong = "H0413" every|strong = "H3605" province|strong = "H4082"
according|strong = "H0413" to|strong = "H0413" its|strong = "H3605"
writing|strong = "H3791", and|strong = "H4428" to|strong = "H0413"

every|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971" in|strong = "H0413"
 their|strong = "H3605" language|strong = "H3956", that|strong = "H3605"
 every|strong = "H3605" man|strong = "H0376" should|strong = "H0376"
 rule|strong = "H8323" his|strong = "H3605" own|strong = "H1961"
 house|strong = "H1004", speaking|strong = "H1696" in|strong = "H0413"
 the|strong = "H3605" language|strong = "H3956" of|strong = "H4428"
 his|strong = "H3605" own|strong = "H1961" people|strong = "H5971".

2After|strong = "H0310" these|strong = "H0428" things|strong = "H1697",
 when|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H0853" wrath|strong = "H2534"
 of|strong = "H4428" King|strong = "H4428" Ahasuerus|strong = "H0325"
 was|strong = "H0834" pacified, he|strong = "H0834"
 remembered|strong = "H2142" Vashti|strong = "H2060",
 and|strong = "H4428" what|strong = "H0834" she|strong = "H0834"
 had|strong = "H0834" done|strong = "H6213", and|strong = "H4428"
 what|strong = "H0834" was|strong = "H0834" decreed|strong = "H1504"
 against|strong = "H5921" her|strong = "H5921". ² Then|strong = "H0559"
 the|strong = "H0559" king's|strong = "H4428" servants|strong = "H5288"
 who|strong = "H5288" served|strong = "H8334" him|strong = "H1245"
 said|strong = "H0559", "Let beautiful|strong = "H4758"
 young|strong = "H5288" virgins|strong = "H1330" be|strong = "H4428"
 sought|strong = "H1245" for|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0559"
 king|strong = "H4428". ³ Let|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H3605"
 king|strong = "H4428" appoint|strong = "H6485" officers|strong = "H6485"
 in|strong = "H0413" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 provinces|strong = "H4082" of|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H3605"
 kingdom|strong = "H4438", that|strong = "H3605" they|strong = "H3605"
 may|strong = "H4428" gather|strong = "H6908" together|strong = "H6908"
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" beautiful|strong = "H4758"
 young|strong = "H5291" virgins|strong = "H1330" to|strong = "H0413"
 the|strong = "H3605" citadel|strong = "H1002" of|strong = "H4428"
 Susa|strong = "H7800", to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" women's
 house|strong = "H1004", to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605"
 custody|strong = "H3027" of|strong = "H4428" Hegai|strong = "H1896"
 the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428" eunuch|strong = "H5631",
 keeper|strong = "H8104" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605"
 women|strong = "H0802". Let|strong = "H5414" cosmetics|strong = "H8562"
 be|strong = "H3027" given|strong = "H5414" them|strong = "H0413"; ⁴
 and|strong = "H4428" let|strong = "H3651" the|strong = "H0834" maiden
 who|strong = "H0834" pleases|strong = "H5869" the|strong = "H0834"
 king|strong = "H4428" be|strong = "H1697" queen instead|strong = "H8478"
 of|strong = "H4428" Vashti|strong = "H2060". The|strong = "H0834"
 thing|strong = "H1697" pleased|strong = "H3190" the|strong = "H0834"
 king|strong = "H4428", and|strong = "H4428" he|strong = "H0834"
 did|strong = "H6213" so|strong = "H3651".

5 There was a certain Jew the citadel of Susa whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite, ⁶ who had been carried away from Jerusalem the king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away. ⁷ He brought up Hadassah, that is Esther, his uncle's daughter; for she had neither father nor mother. The maiden was fair and beautiful; and when her father and mother were dead, Mordecai took her for his own daughter.

8 So, when the king's commandment was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together to the citadel of Susa, to the custody of Hegai, Esther was taken into the king's house, to

the|strong = "H0413" custody|strong = "H3027" of|strong = "H4428"
 Hegai|strong = "H1896", keeper|strong = "H8104" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H0413" women|strong = "H0802". ⁹ The|strong = "H0853"
 maiden pleased|strong = "H3190" him|strong = "H5414",
 and|strong = "H4428" she|strong = "H2896" obtained|strong = "H5375"
 kindness|strong = "H2617" from|strong = "H6440" him|strong = "H5414".
 He|strong = "H5414" quickly|strong = "H0926" gave|strong = "H5414"
 her|strong = "H0802" cosmetics|strong = "H8562" and|strong = "H4428"
 her|strong = "H0802" portions|strong = "H4490" of|strong = "H4428"
 food|strong = "H4490", and|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853"
 seven|strong = "H7651" choice|strong = "H7200" maidens|strong = "H5291"
 who|strong = "H4428" were|strong = "H0802" to|strong = "H5414"
 be|strong = "H4428" given|strong = "H5414" her|strong = "H0802"
 out|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853"
 king's|strong = "H4428" house|strong = "H1004". He|strong = "H5414"
 moved her|strong = "H0802" and|strong = "H4428" her|strong = "H0802"
 maidens|strong = "H5291" to|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H0853"
 best|strong = "H2896" place|strong = "H5414" in|strong = "H1004"
 the|strong = "H0853" women's house|strong = "H1004". ¹⁰
 Esther|strong = "H0635" had|strong = "H0834" not|strong = "H3808"
 made|strong = "H0834" known|strong = "H5046" her|strong = "H5046"
 people|strong = "H5971" nor|strong = "H3808" her|strong = "H5046"
 relatives|strong = "H4138", because|strong = "H3588"
 Mordecai|strong = "H4782" had|strong = "H0834"
 instructed|strong = "H6680" her|strong = "H5046" that|strong = "H0834"
 she|strong = "H0834" should|strong = "H3588" not|strong = "H3808"
 make|strong = "H5046" it|strong = "H5921" known|strong = "H5046". ¹¹
 Mordecai|strong = "H4782" walked|strong = "H1980" every|strong = "H3605"
 day|strong = "H3117" in|strong = "H1980" front|strong = "H6440"
 of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3605" court|strong = "H2691"
 of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3605" women's house|strong = "H1004",
 to|strong = "H1980" find|strong = "H3045" out|strong = "H3045"
 how|strong = "H4100" Esther|strong = "H0635" was|strong = "H0802"
 doing|strong = "H6213", and|strong = "H1980" what|strong = "H4100"
 would|strong = "H4100" become|strong = "H1980" of|strong = "H1004"
 her|strong = "H3605".

¹²Each|strong = "H0802" young|strong = "H5291"
 woman's|strong = "H0802" turn|strong = "H1961" came|strong = "H0935"
 to|strong = "H0413" go|strong = "H0935" in|strong = "H0935"
 to|strong = "H0413" King|strong = "H4428" Ahasuerus|strong = "H0325"
 after|strong = "H7093" her|strong = "H0413" purification
 for|strong = "H3588" twelve|strong = "H6240" months|strong = "H2320"
 (for|strong = "H3588" so|strong = "H3651" were|strong = "H1961"
 the|strong = "H3588" days|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H4428"

their|strong="H3588" purification accomplished|strong="H4390",
 six|strong="H8337" months|strong="H2320" with|strong="H4390"
 oil|strong="H8081" of|strong="H4428" myrrh|strong="H4753",
 and|strong="H0935" six|strong="H8337" months|strong="H2320"
 with|strong="H4390" sweet|strong="H1314" fragrances
 and|strong="H0935" with|strong="H4390" preparations
 for|strong="H3588" beautifying women|strong="H0802"). ¹³
 The|strong="H3605" young|strong="H5291" woman|strong="H0802"
 then|strong="H2088" came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413"
 the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" like|strong="H0834"
 this|strong="H2088": whatever|strong="H0834" she|strong="H0834"
 desired|strong="H0559" was|strong="H0834" given|strong="H5414"
 her|strong="H3605" to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H0935"
 with|strong="H5973" her|strong="H3605" out|strong="H0413"
 of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" women's house|strong="H1004"
 to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" king's|strong="H4428"
 house|strong="H1004". ¹⁴ In|strong="H0935" the|strong="H3588"
 evening|strong="H6153" she|strong="H1931" went|strong="H0935",
 and|strong="H0935" on|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3588"
 next|strong="H8145" day|strong="H1242" she|strong="H1931"
 returned|strong="H7725" into|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3588"
 second|strong="H8145" women's house|strong="H1004",
 to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3588" custody|strong="H3027"
 of|strong="H4428" Shaashgaz|strong="H8190", the|strong="H3588"
 king's|strong="H4428" eunuch|strong="H5631", who|strong="H1931"
 kept|strong="H8104" the|strong="H3588" concubines|strong="H6370".
 She|strong="H1931" came|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935"
 to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3588" king|strong="H4428"
 no|strong="H3808" more|strong="H5750", unless|strong="H0518"
 the|strong="H3588" king|strong="H4428" delighted in|strong="H0935"
 her|strong="H0413", and|strong="H0935" she|strong="H1931"
 was|strong="H8034" called|strong="H7121" by|strong="H3027"
 name|strong="H8034".

15Now|strong="H1961" when|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605"
 turn|strong="H1961" of|strong="H4428" Esther|strong="H0635",
 the|strong="H3605" daughter|strong="H1323" of|strong="H4428"
 Abihail|strong="H0032" the|strong="H3605" uncle|strong="H1730"
 of|strong="H4428" Mordecai|strong="H4782", who|strong="H0834"
 had|strong="H0834" taken|strong="H3947" her|strong="H3605"
 for|strong="H3588" his|strong="H3605" daughter|strong="H1323",
 came|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" go|strong="H0935"
 in|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605"
 king|strong="H4428", she|strong="H0834" required|strong="H1697"
 nothing|strong="H3808" but|strong="H3588" what|strong="H0834"

Hegai|strong="H1896" the|strong="H3605" king's|strong="H4428"
 eunuch|strong="H5631", the|strong="H3605" keeper|strong="H8104"
 of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" women|strong="H0802",
 advised|strong="H0559". Esther|strong="H0635"
 obtained|strong="H5375" favor|strong="H2580" in|strong="H0935"
 the|strong="H3605" sight|strong="H5869" of|strong="H4428"
 all|strong="H3605" those|strong="H3605" who|strong="H0834"
 looked|strong="H7200" at|strong="H0413" her|strong="H3605".

16So|strong="H3947" Esther|strong="H0635" was|strong="H1931"
 taken|strong="H3947" to|strong="H0413" King|strong="H4428"
 Ahasuerus|strong="H0325" into|strong="H0413" his|strong="H3947"
 royal|strong="H4438" house|strong="H1004" in|strong="H8141"
 the|strong="H0413" tenth|strong="H6224" month|strong="H2320",
 which|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931" the|strong="H0413"
 month|strong="H2320" Tebeth|strong="H2887", in|strong="H8141"
 the|strong="H0413" seventh|strong="H7651" year|strong="H8141"
 of|strong="H4428" his|strong="H3947" reign|strong="H4438". ¹⁷
 The|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428" loved|strong="H0157"
 Esther|strong="H0635" more than|strong="H4428" all|strong="H3605"
 the|strong="H3605" women|strong="H0802", and|strong="H4428"
 she|strong="H0635" obtained|strong="H5375" favor|strong="H2580"
 and|strong="H4428" kindness|strong="H2617" in|strong="H4428"
 his|strong="H3605" sight|strong="H6440" more than|strong="H4428"
 all|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605" virgins|strong="H1330";
 so|strong="H5375" that|strong="H3605" he|strong="H0853"
 set|strong="H7760" the|strong="H3605" royal|strong="H4438"
 crown|strong="H3804" on|strong="H8478" her|strong="H3605"
 head|strong="H7218", and|strong="H4428" made|strong="H7760"
 her|strong="H3605" queen instead|strong="H8478" of|strong="H4428"
 Vashti|strong="H2060".

18Then|strong="H0853" the|strong="H3605" king|strong="H4428"
 made|strong="H6213" a|strong="H5414" great|strong="H1419"
 feast|strong="H4960" for|strong="H3027" all|strong="H3605"
 his|strong="H3605" princes|strong="H8269" and|strong="H3027"
 his|strong="H3605" servants|strong="H5650", even|strong="H0853"
 Esther's|strong="H0635" feast|strong="H4960"; and|strong="H3027"
 he|strong="H6213" proclaimed a|strong="H5414"
 holiday|strong="H2010" in|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605"
 provinces|strong="H4082", and|strong="H3027" gave|strong="H5414"
 gifts|strong="H4864" according|strong="H3027" to|strong="H5414"
 the|strong="H3605" king's|strong="H4428" bounty|strong="H3027".

19 When the virgins gathered together, the second time, Mordecai was sitting in the gate of the king's palace. ²⁰ Esther had not yet made known her relatives nor her people, as Mordecai had commanded her; for Esther obeyed Mordecai, like she when she was brought up by him. ²¹ In those days, while Mordecai was sitting in the king's gate, two of the king's eunuchs, Bigthan and Teresh, who were doorkeepers, were angry, and sought hands on the King Ahasuerus. ²² This thing became known to Mordecai, who informed Esther; and Esther informed the king in Mordecai's name. ²³ When this matter investigated, and it was found to be so, they were both hanged on a gallows; and it was written in the book of chronicles in the king's presence.

3After these things King Ahasuerus promoted the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set above all the princes who were with him. ² All the king's servants who were in the king's gate bowed down and paid homage to Haman, for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai didn't bow down or pay him homage. ³ Then the king's servants who were in the gate said to Mordecai, "Why do you disobey the king's commandment?" ⁴ Now it came to pass, when they spoke daily to him, and he didn't listen to them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's reason would stand; for he had told them that he was a Jew. ⁵ When Haman saw that Mordecai didn't bow down nor pay him homage, Haman was full of wrath. ⁶ But

he|strong = "H0834" scorned the|strong = "H3605" thought|strong = "H5869"
of|strong = "H3027" laying hands|strong = "H3027" on|strong = "H3027"
Mordecai|strong = "H4782" alone|strong = "H0905", for|strong = "H3588"
they|strong = "H0834" had|strong = "H0834" made|strong = "H3605"
known|strong = "H5046" to|strong = "H7971" him|strong = "H7971"
Mordecai's|strong = "H4782" people|strong = "H5971".
Therefore|strong = "H3588" Haman|strong = "H2001"
sought|strong = "H1245" to|strong = "H7971" destroy|strong = "H8045"
all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064"
who|strong = "H0834" were|strong = "H0834" throughout|strong = "H3605"
the|strong = "H3605" whole|strong = "H3605" kingdom|strong = "H4438"
of|strong = "H3027" Ahasuerus|strong = "H0325", even|strong = "H3588"
Mordecai's|strong = "H4782" people|strong = "H5971".

7In|strong = "H8141" the|strong = "H6440" first|strong = "H7223"
month|strong = "H2320", which|strong = "H1931" is|strong = "H1931"
the|strong = "H6440" month|strong = "H2320" Nisan|strong = "H5212",
in|strong = "H8141" the|strong = "H6440" twelfth year|strong = "H8141"
of|strong = "H4428" King|strong = "H4428" Ahasuerus|strong = "H0325",
they|strong = "H3117" cast|strong = "H5307" Pur|strong = "H6332",
that|strong = "H3117" is|strong = "H1931", the|strong = "H6440"
lot|strong = "H1486", before|strong = "H6440" Haman|strong = "H2001"
from|strong = "H6440" day|strong = "H3117" to|strong = "H3117"
day|strong = "H3117", and|strong = "H4428" from|strong = "H6440"
month|strong = "H2320" to|strong = "H3117" month|strong = "H2320",
and|strong = "H4428" chose the|strong = "H6440" twelfth
month|strong = "H2320", which|strong = "H1931" is|strong = "H1931"
the|strong = "H6440" month|strong = "H2320" Adar|strong = "H0143". ⁸
Haman|strong = "H2001" said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559"
King|strong = "H4428" Ahasuerus|strong = "H0325", "There|strong = "H0369"
is|strong = "H0369" a|strong = "H0259" certain|strong = "H0259"
people|strong = "H5971" scattered|strong = "H6340" abroad
and|strong = "H4428" dispersed|strong = "H6504" among|strong = "H0996"
the|strong = "H3605" peoples|strong = "H5971" in|strong = "H4428"
all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" provinces|strong = "H4082"
of|strong = "H4428" your|strong = "H3605" kingdom|strong = "H4438",
and|strong = "H4428" their|strong = "H3605" laws|strong = "H1881"
are|strong = "H3426" different from|strong = "H6504"
other|strong = "H0259" people's|strong = "H5971". They|strong = "H0559"
don't|strong = "H0369" keep|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H3605"
king's|strong = "H4428" laws|strong = "H1881". Therefore
it|strong = "H6213" is|strong = "H0369" not|strong = "H0369"
for|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428" profit
to|strong = "H0559" allow|strong = "H3240" them|strong = "H0853"
to|strong = "H0559" remain. ⁹ If|strong = "H0518" it|strong = "H0518"

pleases|strong = "H2895" the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4428", let
 it|strong = "H0518" be|strong = "H3027" written|strong = "H3789"
 that|strong = "H3027" they|strong = "H0518" be|strong = "H3027"
 destroyed|strong = "H0006"; and|strong = "H0935" I|strong = "H0518"
 will|strong = "H4428" pay|strong = "H8254" ten|strong = "H6235"
 thousand|strong = "H0505" talents|strong = "H3603"¹ of|strong = "H4428"
 silver|strong = "H3701" into|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H5921"
 hands|strong = "H3027" of|strong = "H4428" those|strong = "H5921"
 who|strong = "H4428" are|strong = "H3027" in|strong = "H5921"
 charge|strong = "H5921" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5921"
 king's|strong = "H4428" business|strong = "H4399", to|strong = "H0413"
 bring|strong = "H0935" it|strong = "H0518" into|strong = "H0413"
 the|strong = "H5921" king's|strong = "H4428" treasuries|strong = "H1595".

10The|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428" took|strong = "H5493"
 his|strong = "H5414" ring|strong = "H2885" from|strong = "H5493"
 his|strong = "H5414" hand|strong = "H3027", and|strong = "H1121"
 gave|strong = "H5414" it|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H5921"
 Haman|strong = "H2001" the|strong = "H0853" son|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" Hammedatha the|strong = "H0853"
 Agagite|strong = "H0091", the|strong = "H0853" Jews'|strong = "H3064"
 enemy|strong = "H6887".¹¹ The|strong = "H0559" king|strong = "H4428"
 said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559" Haman|strong = "H2001",
 "The|strong = "H0559" silver|strong = "H3701" is|strong = "H4428"
 given|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H0559" you|strong = "H5414",
 the|strong = "H0559" people|strong = "H5971" also|strong = "H4428",
 to|strong = "H0559" do|strong = "H6213" with|strong = "H4428"
 them|strong = "H5414" as|strong = "H5414" it|strong = "H5414"
 seems|strong = "H5869" good|strong = "H2896" to|strong = "H0559"
 you|strong = "H5414"."

12Then|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428"
 scribes|strong = "H5608" were|strong = "H0834" called|strong = "H7121"
 in|strong = "H5921" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605"
 first|strong = "H7223" month|strong = "H2320", on|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H3605" thirteenth day|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H3605" month|strong = "H2320"; and|strong = "H4428"
 all|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H0834" Haman|strong = "H2001"
 commanded|strong = "H6680" was|strong = "H8034"
 written|strong = "H3789" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605"
 king's|strong = "H4428" local governors|strong = "H6346",
 and|strong = "H4428" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605"
 governors|strong = "H6346" who|strong = "H0834" were|strong = "H0834"
 over|strong = "H5921" every|strong = "H3605" province|strong = "H4082",

¹ + 3:9 A talent is about 30 kilograms or 66 pounds or 965 Troy ounces

and|strong="H4428" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605"
princes|strong="H8269" of|strong="H4428" every|strong="H3605"
people|strong="H5971", to|strong="H0413" every|strong="H3605"
province|strong="H4082" according|strong="H5921" to|strong="H0413"
its|strong="H3605" writing|strong="H3789", and|strong="H4428"
to|strong="H0413" every|strong="H3605" people|strong="H5971"
in|strong="H5921" their|strong="H3605" language|strong="H3956".
It|strong="H5921" was|strong="H8034" written|strong="H3789"
in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H3605" name|strong="H8034"
of|strong="H4428" King|strong="H4428" Ahasuerus|strong="H0325",
and|strong="H4428" it|strong="H5921" was|strong="H8034"
sealed|strong="H2856" with|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605"
king's|strong="H4428" ring|strong="H2885". ¹³ Letters|strong="H5612"
were|strong="H0802" sent|strong="H7971" by|strong="H3027"
couriers|strong="H7323" into|strong="H0413" all|strong="H3605"
the|strong="H3605" king's|strong="H4428" provinces|strong="H4082",
to|strong="H0413" destroy|strong="H8045", to|strong="H0413"
kill|strong="H2026", and|strong="H3027" to|strong="H0413" cause
to|strong="H0413" perish|strong="H0006", all|strong="H3605"
Jews|strong="H3064", both|strong="H8147" young|strong="H5288"
and|strong="H3027" old|strong="H2205", little|strong="H2945"
children|strong="H2945" and|strong="H3027" women|strong="H0802",
in|strong="H0413" one|strong="H0259" day|strong="H3117",
even|strong="H5704" on|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605" thirteenth
day|strong="H3117" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" twelfth
month|strong="H2320", which|strong="H1931" is|strong="H1931"
the|strong="H3605" month|strong="H2320" Adar|strong="H0143",
and|strong="H3027" to|strong="H0413" plunder|strong="H0962"
their|strong="H3605" possessions|strong="H7998". ¹⁴ A|strong="H1961"
copy|strong="H6572" of|strong="H3117" the|strong="H3605"
letter|strong="H3791", that|strong="H3605" the|strong="H3605"
decree|strong="H1881" should|strong="H3117" be|strong="H1961"
given|strong="H5414" out|strong="H3605" in|strong="H3117"
every|strong="H3605" province|strong="H4082", was|strong="H1961"
published|strong="H1540" to|strong="H1961" all|strong="H3605"
the|strong="H3605" peoples|strong="H5971", that|strong="H3605"
they|strong="H3117" should|strong="H3117" be|strong="H1961"
ready|strong="H6264" against|strong="H3605" that|strong="H3605"
day|strong="H3117". ¹⁵ The|strong="H5414" couriers|strong="H7323"
went|strong="H3318" out|strong="H3318" in|strong="H3427" haste
by|strong="H7323" the|strong="H5414" king's|strong="H4428"
commandment|strong="H1697", and|strong="H4428"
the|strong="H5414" decree|strong="H1881" was|strong="H4428"
given|strong="H5414" out|strong="H3318" in|strong="H3427"
the|strong="H5414" citadel|strong="H1002" of|strong="H4428"
Susa|strong="H7800". The|strong="H5414" king|strong="H4428"

and|strong = "H4428" Haman|strong = "H2001" sat|strong = "H3427"
 down|strong = "H3427" to|strong = "H5414" drink|strong = "H8354";
 but|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5414" city|strong = "H5892"
 of|strong = "H4428" Susa|strong = "H7800" was|strong = "H4428" perplexed.

4Now|strong = "H1419" when|strong = "H0834"
 Mordecai|strong = "H4782" found|strong = "H3045" out|strong = "H3318"
 all|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H0834" was|strong = "H0834"
 done|strong = "H6213", Mordecai|strong = "H4782" tore|strong = "H7167"
 his|strong = "H3605" clothes|strong = "H0899" and|strong = "H1419"
 put|strong = "H3847" on|strong = "H3847" sackcloth|strong = "H8242"
 with|strong = "H3847" ashes|strong = "H0665", and|strong = "H1419"
 went|strong = "H3318" out|strong = "H3318" into|strong = "H8432"
 the|strong = "H3605" middle|strong = "H8432" of|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" city|strong = "H5892", and|strong = "H1419"
 wailed|strong = "H2199" loudly|strong = "H1419" and|strong = "H1419"
 bitterly|strong = "H4751". ² He|strong = "H3588" came|strong = "H0935"
 even|strong = "H5704" before|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H6440"
 king's|strong = "H4428" gate|strong = "H8179", for|strong = "H3588"
 no|strong = "H0369" one|strong = "H0369" is|strong = "H0369" allowed
 inside|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H6440" king's|strong = "H4428"
 gate|strong = "H8179" clothed|strong = "H3830" with|strong = "H0413"
 sackcloth|strong = "H8242". ³ In|strong = "H4428" every|strong = "H3605"
 province|strong = "H4082", wherever|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H3605"
 king's|strong = "H4428" commandment|strong = "H1697"
 and|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H3605" decree|strong = "H1881"
 came|strong = "H5060", there|strong = "H3605" was|strong = "H0834"
 great|strong = "H1419" mourning|strong = "H0060" among
 the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064", and|strong = "H4428"
 fasting|strong = "H6685", and|strong = "H4428" weeping|strong = "H1065",
 and|strong = "H4428" wailing|strong = "H4553"; and|strong = "H4428"
 many|strong = "H7227" lay|strong = "H3331" in|strong = "H4428"
 sackcloth|strong = "H8242" and|strong = "H4428" ashes|strong = "H0665".

4Esther's|strong = "H0635" maidens|strong = "H5291"
 and|strong = "H0935" her|strong = "H7971" eunuchs|strong = "H5631"
 came|strong = "H0935" and|strong = "H0935" told|strong = "H5046"
 her|strong = "H7971" this|strong = "H5046", and|strong = "H0935"
 the|strong = "H0853" queen|strong = "H4436" was|strong = "H5291"
 exceedingly|strong = "H3966" grieved. She|strong = "H0635"
 sent|strong = "H7971" clothing|strong = "H0899" to|strong = "H0935"
 Mordecai|strong = "H4782", to|strong = "H0935" replace
 his|strong = "H5921" sackcloth|strong = "H8242", but|strong = "H3808"
 he|strong = "H3808" didn't|strong = "H3808" receive|strong = "H6901"
 it|strong = "H5921". ⁵ Then|strong = "H2088" Esther|strong = "H0635"

called **H7121** for **H5921** Hathach **H2047**,
 one **H2088** of **H4428** the **H6440**
 king's **H4428** eunuchs **H5631**, whom **H0834**
 he **H0834** had **H0834** appointed **H5975**
 to **H5921** attend **H6440** her **H5921**,
 and **H4428** commanded **H6680** him **H5921**
 to **H5921** go to **H5921** Mordecai **H4782**,
 to **H5921** find **H3045** out **H3045**
 what **H4100** this **H2088** was **H0834**,
 and **H4428** why **H4100** it **H5921**
 was **H0834**. ⁶ So **H3318** Hathach **H2047**
 went **H3318** out **H3318** to **H0413**
 Mordecai **H4782**, to **H0413** the city **H5892**
 square **H7339** which **H0834** was **H0834**
 before **H6440** the **H6440** king's **H4428**
 gate **H8179**. ⁷ Mordecai **H4782** told **H5046**
 him **H5921** of **H4428** all **H3605**
 that **H0834** had **H0834** happened **H7136**
 to **H0559** him **H5921**, and **H4428**
 the **H3605** exact **H6575** sum of **H4428**
 the **H3605** money **H3701** that **H0834**
 Haman **H2001** had **H0834** promised **H0559**
 to **H0559** pay **H8254** to **H0559**
 the **H3605** king's **H4428** treasuries **H1595**
 for **H5921** the **H3605** destruction **H0006**
 of **H4428** the **H3605** Jews **H3064**. ⁸
 He **H0834** also **H0853** gave **H5414**
 him **H0413** the **H0853** copy **H6572**
 of **H4428** the **H0853** writing **H3791**
 of **H4428** the **H0853** decree **H1881**
 that **H0834** was **H0834** given **H5414**
 out **H6440** in **H5921** Susa **H7800**
 to **H0413** destroy **H8045** them **H0413**,
 to **H0413** show **H7200** it **H5414**
 to **H0413** Esther **H0635**, and **H0935**
 to **H0413** declare **H5046** it **H5414**
 to **H0413** her **H0413**, and **H0935**
 to **H0413** urge her **H0413** to **H0413**
 go **H0935** in **H5921** to **H0413**
 the **H0853** king **H4428** to **H0413**
 make **H5414** supplication to **H0413**
 him **H0413**, and **H0935** to **H0413**
 make **H5414** request **H1245** before **H6440**
 him **H0413** for **H5921** her **H0413**
 people **H5971**.

9Hathach|strong = "H2047" came|strong = "H0935" and|strong = "H0935" told|strong = "H5046" Esther|strong = "H0635" the|strong = "H0853" words|strong = "H1697" of|strong = "H1697" Mordecai|strong = "H4782". ¹⁰ Then|strong = "H0559" Esther|strong = "H0635" spoke|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0413" Hathach|strong = "H2047", and|strong = "H0413" gave|strong = "H6680" him|strong = "H0413" a|strong = "H6680" message to|strong = "H0413" Mordecai|strong = "H4782": ¹¹ "All|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428" servants|strong = "H5650" and|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428" provinces|strong = "H4082" know|strong = "H3045" that|strong = "H0834" whoever|strong = "H3605", whether man|strong = "H0376" or|strong = "H3808" woman|strong = "H0802", comes|strong = "H0935" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" into|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" inner|strong = "H6442" court|strong = "H2691" without|strong = "H3808" being called|strong = "H7121", there|strong = "H2088" is|strong = "H0834" one|strong = "H0259" law|strong = "H1881" for|strong = "H7121" him|strong = "H0413", that|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" be|strong = "H4191" put|strong = "H4191" to|strong = "H0413" death|strong = "H4191", except|strong = "H3808" those|strong = "H3605" to|strong = "H0413" whom|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" might|strong = "H0834" hold out|strong = "H3045" the|strong = "H3605" golden|strong = "H2091" scepter|strong = "H8275", that|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" may|strong = "H0376" live|strong = "H2421". I|strong = "H0589" have|strong = "H0834" not|strong = "H3808" been|strong = "H0834" called|strong = "H7121" to|strong = "H0413" come|strong = "H0935" in|strong = "H0935" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" these|strong = "H2088" thirty|strong = "H7970" days|strong = "H3117"."

¹²They told|strong = "H5046" Esther's|strong = "H0635" words|strong = "H1697" to|strong = "H1697" Mordecai|strong = "H4782". ¹³ Then|strong = "H0559" Mordecai|strong = "H4782" asked|strong = "H0559" them|strong = "H0413" to|strong = "H0413" return|strong = "H7725" this|strong = "H7725" answer|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H0413" Esther|strong = "H0635": "Don't|strong = "H0408" think|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0413" yourself|strong = "H5315" that|strong = "H3605" you|strong = "H3605" will|strong = "H4428" escape|strong = "H4422" in|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428" house|strong = "H1004" any|strong = "H3605" more|strong = "H5315" than|strong = "H4428" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064". ¹⁴ For|strong = "H3588" if|strong = "H0518" you|strong = "H0859" remain|strong = "H5975" silent|strong = "H2790" now|strong = "H3588", then|strong = "H0859" relief|strong = "H7305"

and|strong = "H1004" deliverance|strong = "H2020" will|strong = "H4310"
 come|strong = "H5060" to|strong = "H6256" the|strong = "H3588"
 Jews|strong = "H3064" from|strong = "H0006" another|strong = "H0312"
 place|strong = "H4725", but|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H0859"
 and|strong = "H1004" your|strong = "H3045" father's|strong = "H0001"
 house|strong = "H1004" will|strong = "H4310" perish|strong = "H0006".
 Who|strong = "H4310" knows|strong = "H3045" if|strong = "H0518"
 you|strong = "H0859" haven't come|strong = "H5060" to|strong = "H6256"
 the|strong = "H3588" kingdom|strong = "H4438" for|strong = "H3588"
 such|strong = "H2063" a|strong = "H3588" time|strong = "H6256"
 as|strong = "H3588" this|strong = "H2063"?"

15Then|strong = "H0559" Esther|strong = "H0635" asked|strong = "H0559"
 them|strong = "H0413" to|strong = "H0413" answer|strong = "H7725"
 Mordecai|strong = "H4782", ¹⁶ "Go|strong = "H0935",
 gather|strong = "H3664" together|strong = "H5921" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064" who|strong = "H0834"
 are|strong = "H0834" present|strong = "H4672" in|strong = "H5921"
 Susa|strong = "H7800", and|strong = "H0935" fast|strong = "H6684"
 for|strong = "H5921" me|strong = "H0413", and|strong = "H0935"
 neither|strong = "H3808" eat|strong = "H0398" nor|strong = "H3808"
 drink|strong = "H8354" three|strong = "H7969" days|strong = "H3117",
 night|strong = "H3915" or|strong = "H3808" day|strong = "H3117".
 I|strong = "H0589" and|strong = "H0935" my|strong = "H3605"
 maidens|strong = "H5291" will|strong = "H0834" also|strong = "H1571"
 fast|strong = "H6684" the|strong = "H3605" same|strong = "H3651"
 way|strong = "H3605". Then|strong = "H0853" I|strong = "H0589"
 will|strong = "H0834" go|strong = "H0935" in|strong = "H5921"
 to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428",
 which|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834" against|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H3605" law|strong = "H1881"; and|strong = "H0935"
 if|strong = "H0834" I|strong = "H0589" perish|strong = "H0006",
 I|strong = "H0589" perish|strong = "H0006"." ¹⁷ So|strong = "H6213"
 Mordecai|strong = "H4782" went his|strong = "H3605"
 way|strong = "H3605", and|strong = "H3605" did|strong = "H6213"
 according|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H5921" all|strong = "H3605"
 that|strong = "H0834" Esther|strong = "H0635" had|strong = "H0834"
 commanded|strong = "H6680" him|strong = "H5921".

5Now|strong = "H1961" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"
 third|strong = "H7992" day|strong = "H3117", Esther|strong = "H0635"
 put|strong = "H3847" on|strong = "H5921" her|strong = "H5921"
 royal|strong = "H4438" clothing|strong = "H3847" and|strong = "H4428"
 stood|strong = "H5975" in|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H5921"
 inner|strong = "H6442" court|strong = "H2691" of|strong = "H4428"

the|strong = "H5921" king's|strong = "H4428" house|strong = "H1004",
 next|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H5921"
 king's|strong = "H4428" house|strong = "H1004". The|strong = "H5921"
 king|strong = "H4428" sat|strong = "H3427" on|strong = "H5921"
 his|strong = "H5921" royal|strong = "H4438" throne|strong = "H3678"
 in|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H5921" royal|strong = "H4438"
 house|strong = "H1004", next|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H1961"
 the|strong = "H5921" entrance|strong = "H6607" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H5921" house|strong = "H1004". ² When|strong = "H1961"
 the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428" saw|strong = "H7200"
 Esther|strong = "H0635" the|strong = "H0853" queen|strong = "H4436"
 standing|strong = "H5975" in|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853"
 court|strong = "H2691", she|strong = "H0834" obtained|strong = "H5375"
 favor|strong = "H2580" in|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H5375"
 sight|strong = "H5869"; and|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H0853"
 king|strong = "H4428" held|strong = "H1961" out|strong = "H7200"
 to|strong = "H1961" Esther|strong = "H0635" the|strong = "H0853"
 golden|strong = "H2091" scepter|strong = "H8275" that|strong = "H0834"
 was|strong = "H1961" in|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H5375"
 hand|strong = "H3027". So|strong = "H1961" Esther|strong = "H0635"
 came|strong = "H1961" near|strong = "H7126" and|strong = "H3027"
 touched|strong = "H5060" the|strong = "H0853" top|strong = "H7218"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853" scepter|strong = "H8275".

³Then|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H0559" king|strong = "H4428"
 asked|strong = "H0559" her|strong = "H5414", "What|strong = "H4100"
 would|strong = "H4100" you|strong = "H5414" like|strong = "H5704",
 queen|strong = "H4436" Esther|strong = "H0635"? What|strong = "H4100"
 is|strong = "H4100" your|strong = "H5414" request|strong = "H1246"?
 It|strong = "H5414" shall|strong = "H4428" be|strong = "H4428"
 given|strong = "H5414" you|strong = "H5414" even|strong = "H5704"
 to|strong = "H0559" the|strong = "H0559" half|strong = "H2677"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0559" kingdom|strong = "H4438"."

⁴Esther|strong = "H0635" said|strong = "H0559", "If|strong = "H0518"
 it|strong = "H0518" seems good|strong = "H2895" to|strong = "H0413"
 the|strong = "H0559" king|strong = "H4428", let the|strong = "H0559"
 king|strong = "H4428" and|strong = "H0935" Haman|strong = "H2001"
 come|strong = "H0935" today|strong = "H3117" to|strong = "H0413"
 the|strong = "H0559" banquet|strong = "H4960" that|strong = "H0834"
 I|strong = "H0834" have|strong = "H0834" prepared|strong = "H6213"
 for|strong = "H5921" him|strong = "H0413"."

⁵Then|strong = "H0853" the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428"
 said|strong = "H0559", "Bring|strong = "H0935" Haman|strong = "H2001"

quickly|strong = "H4116", so|strong = "H6213" that|strong = "H0834"
 it|strong = "H6213" may|strong = "H0834" be|strong = "H1697"
 done|strong = "H6213" as|strong = "H0834" Esther|strong = "H0635"
 has|strong = "H0834" said|strong = "H0559". So|strong = "H6213"
 the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428" and|strong = "H0935"
 Haman|strong = "H2001" came|strong = "H0935" to|strong = "H0413"
 the|strong = "H0853" banquet|strong = "H4960" that|strong = "H0834"
 Esther|strong = "H0635" had|strong = "H0834" prepared|strong = "H6213".

6The|strong = "H0559" king|strong = "H4428" said|strong = "H0559"
 to|strong = "H0559" Esther|strong = "H0635" at|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H0559" banquet|strong = "H4960" of|strong = "H4428"
 wine|strong = "H3196", "What|strong = "H4100" is|strong = "H4100"
 your|strong = "H5414" petition|strong = "H7596"? It|strong = "H5414"
 shall|strong = "H4428" be|strong = "H4428" granted|strong = "H5414"
 you|strong = "H5414". What|strong = "H4100" is|strong = "H4100"
 your|strong = "H5414" request|strong = "H1246"? Even|strong = "H5704"
 to|strong = "H0559" the|strong = "H0559" half|strong = "H2677"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0559" kingdom|strong = "H4438"
 it|strong = "H5414" shall|strong = "H4428" be|strong = "H4428"
 performed|strong = "H5414"."

7Then|strong = "H6030" Esther|strong = "H0635"
 answered|strong = "H0559" and|strong = "H0559" said|strong = "H0559",
 "My|strong = "H0559" petition|strong = "H7596" and|strong = "H0559"
 my|strong = "H0559" request|strong = "H1246" is|strong = "H0559" this. ⁸
 If|strong = "H0518" I|strong = "H0834" have|strong = "H0834"
 found|strong = "H4672" favor|strong = "H2580" in|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H0853" sight|strong = "H5869" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428", and|strong = "H0935"
 if|strong = "H0518" it|strong = "H5414" pleases|strong = "H2895"
 the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428" to|strong = "H0413"
 grant|strong = "H5414" my|strong = "H5414" petition|strong = "H7596"
 and|strong = "H0935" to|strong = "H0413" perform|strong = "H6213"
 my|strong = "H5414" request|strong = "H1246", let|strong = "H5414"
 the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428" and|strong = "H0935"
 Haman|strong = "H2001" come|strong = "H0935" to|strong = "H0413"
 the|strong = "H0853" banquet|strong = "H4960" that|strong = "H0834"
 I|strong = "H0834" will|strong = "H0834" prepare|strong = "H6213"
 for|strong = "H5921" them|strong = "H0413", and|strong = "H0935"
 I|strong = "H0834" will|strong = "H0834" do|strong = "H6213"
 tomorrow|strong = "H4279" as|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H0853"
 king|strong = "H4428" has|strong = "H0834" said|strong = "H0413"."

9 Then Haman went out that day joyful and glad of his heart, but Haman saw Mordecai in the gate, that he didn't stand up for him, he was filled with wrath against Mordecai.¹⁰ Nevertheless Haman restrained himself, and went home. There, he sent and called for his friends and his wife. Haman recounted to them the glory of his riches, the multitude of his children, all the things the king had promoted him, and how advanced he had above the servants of the king.

12 Haman also said, "Yes, Esther the queen let no man come in with the king to the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and tomorrow I am also invited by her together with the king." Yet all this avails me

nothing|strong = "H0369", so|strong = "H0834" long as|strong = "H0834"
 I|strong = "H0589" see|strong = "H7200" Mordecai|strong = "H4782"
 the|strong = "H3605" Jew|strong = "H3064" sitting|strong = "H3427"
 at|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428"
 gate|strong = "H8179".

14Then|strong = "H0853" Zeresh|strong = "H2238" his|strong = "H3605"
 wife|strong = "H0802" and|strong = "H0935" all|strong = "H3605"
 his|strong = "H3605" friends|strong = "H0157" said|strong = "H0559"
 to|strong = "H0413" him|strong = "H0413", "Let|strong = "H8056"
 a|strong = "H0935" gallows|strong = "H6086" be|strong = "H1697"
 made|strong = "H6213" fifty|strong = "H2572" cubits|strong = "H0520"²
 high|strong = "H1364", and|strong = "H0935" in|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H3605" morning|strong = "H1242" speak|strong = "H0559"
 to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428"
 about|strong = "H5921" hanging|strong = "H8518"
 Mordecai|strong = "H4782" on|strong = "H5921" it|strong = "H5921".
 Then|strong = "H0853" go|strong = "H0935" in|strong = "H5921" merrily
 with|strong = "H5973" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428"
 to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" banquet|strong = "H4960".
 This|strong = "H1697" pleased|strong = "H3190" Haman|strong = "H2001",
 so|strong = "H6213" he|strong = "H6213" had|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H3605" gallows|strong = "H6086" made|strong = "H6213".

6On|strong = "H3117" that|strong = "H3117" night|strong = "H3915",
 the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428" couldn't sleep|strong = "H8142".
 He|strong = "H1931" commanded|strong = "H0559" the|strong = "H0853"
 book|strong = "H5612" of|strong = "H4428" records|strong = "H1697"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853" chronicles|strong = "H1697"
 to|strong = "H0559" be|strong = "H1961" brought|strong = "H0935",
 and|strong = "H0935" they|strong = "H3117" were|strong = "H1961"
 read|strong = "H7121" to|strong = "H0559" the|strong = "H0853"
 king|strong = "H4428".² It|strong = "H5921" was|strong = "H0834"
 found|strong = "H4672" written|strong = "H3789" that|strong = "H0834"
 Mordecai|strong = "H4782" had|strong = "H0834" told|strong = "H5046"
 of|strong = "H4428" Bigthana|strong = "H0904" and|strong = "H3027"
 Teresh|strong = "H8657", two|strong = "H8147" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H0834" king's|strong = "H4428" eunuchs|strong = "H5631",
 who|strong = "H0834" were|strong = "H0834" doorkeepers|strong = "H5592",
 who|strong = "H0834" had|strong = "H0834" tried|strong = "H1245"
 to|strong = "H5921" lay|strong = "H7971" hands|strong = "H3027"
 on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0834" King|strong = "H4428"
 Ahasuerus|strong = "H0325".³ The|strong = "H0559" king|strong = "H4428"

² + 5:14 A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.

said|strong = "H0559", "What|strong = "H4100" honor|strong = "H3366" and|strong = "H4428" dignity|strong = "H1420" has|strong = "H4428" been|strong = "H3808" given to|strong = "H0559" Mordecai|strong = "H4782" for|strong = "H5921" this|strong = "H2088"?"

Then|strong = "H2088" the|strong = "H0559" king's|strong = "H4428" servants|strong = "H5288" who|strong = "H5288" attended|strong = "H8334" him|strong = "H5921" said|strong = "H0559", "Nothing|strong = "H3808" has|strong = "H4428" been|strong = "H3808" done|strong = "H6213" for|strong = "H5921" him|strong = "H5921"."

4The|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428" said|strong = "H0559", "Who|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0853" court|strong = "H2691"?" Now|strong = "H0935" Haman|strong = "H2001" had|strong = "H0834" come|strong = "H0935" into|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H0853" outer|strong = "H2435" court|strong = "H2691" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853" king's|strong = "H4428" house|strong = "H1004", to|strong = "H0559" speak|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559" the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428" about|strong = "H5921" hanging|strong = "H8518" Mordecai|strong = "H4782" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0853" gallows|strong = "H6086" that|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" had|strong = "H0834" prepared|strong = "H3559" for|strong = "H5921" him|strong = "H5921".

5The|strong = "H0559" king's|strong = "H4428" servants|strong = "H5288" said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0413" him|strong = "H0413", "Behold|strong = "H2009",³ Haman|strong = "H2001" stands|strong = "H5975" in|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H0559" court|strong = "H2691"."

The|strong = "H0559" king|strong = "H4428" said|strong = "H0559", "Let him|strong = "H0413" come|strong = "H0935" in|strong = "H0935"."⁶ So|strong = "H4480" Haman|strong = "H2001" came|strong = "H0935" in|strong = "H0935". The|strong = "H0559" king|strong = "H4428" said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559" him|strong = "H0935", "What|strong = "H4100" shall|strong = "H0376" be|strong = "H0376" done|strong = "H6213" to|strong = "H0559" the|strong = "H0559" man|strong = "H0376" whom|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H0559" king|strong = "H4428" delights|strong = "H2654" to|strong = "H0559" honor|strong = "H3366"?"

³ + 6:5 "Behold", from , "□□□□□□" means look at, take notice, observe, see, or gaze at. It is often used as an interjection.

Now|strong = "H0935" Haman|strong = "H2001" said|strong = "H0559"
 in|strong = "H0935" his|strong = "H0834" heart|strong = "H3820",
 "Who|strong = "H0834" would|strong = "H4310" the|strong = "H0559"
 king|strong = "H4428" delight|strong = "H2654" to|strong = "H0559"
 honor|strong = "H3366" more|strong = "H4480" than|strong = "H4480"
 myself|strong = "H3820"?" ⁷ Haman|strong = "H2001"
 said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H0559"
 king|strong = "H4428", "For|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H0559"
 man|strong = "H0376" whom|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H0559"
 king|strong = "H4428" delights|strong = "H2654" to|strong = "H0413"
 honor|strong = "H3366", ⁸ let|strong = "H5414" royal|strong = "H4438"
 clothing|strong = "H3830" be|strong = "H4428" brought|strong = "H0935"
 which|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H0834" king|strong = "H4428" uses
 to|strong = "H0935" wear|strong = "H3847", and|strong = "H0935"
 the|strong = "H0834" horse|strong = "H5483" that|strong = "H0834"
 the|strong = "H0834" king|strong = "H4428" rides|strong = "H7392"
 on|strong = "H5921", and|strong = "H0935" on|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H0834" head|strong = "H7218" of|strong = "H4428"
 which|strong = "H0834" a|strong = "H5414" royal|strong = "H4438"
 crown|strong = "H3804" is|strong = "H0834" set|strong = "H5414". ⁹
 Let|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H0853" clothing|strong = "H3830"
 and|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H0853" horse|strong = "H5483"
 be|strong = "H0376" delivered|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H0853" hand|strong = "H3027" of|strong = "H4428"
 one|strong = "H0376" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853"
 king's|strong = "H4428" most|strong = "H4428" noble|strong = "H6579"
 princes|strong = "H8269", that|strong = "H0834" they|strong = "H0834"
 may|strong = "H0376" array|strong = "H3847" the|strong = "H0853"
 man|strong = "H0376" whom|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H0853"
 king|strong = "H4428" delights|strong = "H2654" to|strong = "H5921"
 honor|strong = "H3366" with|strong = "H3847" them|strong = "H5414",
 and|strong = "H3027" have|strong = "H0834" him|strong = "H5414"
 ride|strong = "H7392" on|strong = "H5921" horseback|strong = "H5483"
 through|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H0853" city|strong = "H5892"
 square|strong = "H7339", and|strong = "H3027" proclaim|strong = "H7121"
 before|strong = "H6440" him|strong = "H5414", "Thus|strong = "H3602"
 it|strong = "H5414" shall|strong = "H0376" be|strong = "H0376"
 done|strong = "H6213" to|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0853"
 man|strong = "H0376" whom|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H0853"
 king|strong = "H4428" delights|strong = "H2654" to|strong = "H5921"
 honor|strong = "H3366"!""

10Then|strong = "H1696" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428"
 said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559" Haman|strong = "H2001",
 "Hurry|strong = "H4116" and|strong = "H4428" take|strong = "H3947"

the|strong = "H3605" clothing|strong = "H3830" and|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H3605" horse|strong = "H5483", as|strong = "H0834"
 you|strong = "H0834" have|strong = "H0834" said|strong = "H0559",
 and|strong = "H4428" do|strong = "H6213" this|strong = "H3651"
 for|strong = "H3605" Mordecai|strong = "H4782" the|strong = "H3605"
 Jew|strong = "H3064", who|strong = "H0834" sits|strong = "H3427"
 at|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428"
 gate|strong = "H8179". Let|strong = "H0408" nothing|strong = "H0408"
 fail|strong = "H5307" of|strong = "H4428" all|strong = "H3605"
 that|strong = "H0834" you|strong = "H0834" have|strong = "H0834"
 spoken|strong = "H1696"."

11 Then|strong = "H3947" Haman|strong = "H2001" took|strong = "H3947"
 the|strong = "H0853" clothing|strong = "H3830" and|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H0853" horse|strong = "H5483", and|strong = "H4428"
 arrayed|strong = "H3847" Mordecai|strong = "H4782", and|strong = "H4428"
 had|strong = "H0834" him|strong = "H0853" ride|strong = "H7392" through
 the|strong = "H0853" city|strong = "H5892" square|strong = "H7339",
 and|strong = "H4428" proclaimed|strong = "H7121" before|strong = "H6440"
 him|strong = "H0853", "Thus|strong = "H3602" it|strong = "H7121"
 shall|strong = "H0376" be|strong = "H0376" done|strong = "H6213"
 to|strong = "H0376" the|strong = "H0853" man|strong = "H0376"
 whom|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428"
 delights|strong = "H2654" to|strong = "H0376" honor|strong = "H3366"!"

12 Mordecai|strong = "H4782" came|strong = "H0413"
 back|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H0413"
 king's|strong = "H4428" gate|strong = "H8179", but|strong = "H4428"
 Haman|strong = "H2001" hurried|strong = "H1765" to|strong = "H0413"
 his|strong = "H7725" house|strong = "H1004", mourning|strong = "H0057"
 and|strong = "H4428" having|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H7725"
 head|strong = "H7218" covered|strong = "H2645". ¹³
 Haman|strong = "H2001" recounted|strong = "H5608" to|strong = "H0559"
 Zeresh|strong = "H2238" his|strong = "H3605" wife|strong = "H0802"
 and|strong = "H0802" all|strong = "H3605" his|strong = "H3605"
 friends|strong = "H0157" everything|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H0834"
 had|strong = "H0834" happened|strong = "H7136" to|strong = "H0559"
 him|strong = "H0853". Then|strong = "H0853" his|strong = "H3605"
 wise|strong = "H2450" men|strong = "H2450" and|strong = "H0802"
 Zeresh|strong = "H2238" his|strong = "H3605" wife|strong = "H0802"
 said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559" him|strong = "H0853",
 "If|strong = "H0518" Mordecai|strong = "H4782", before|strong = "H6440"
 whom|strong = "H0834" you|strong = "H0834" have|strong = "H0834"
 begun|strong = "H2490" to|strong = "H0559" fall|strong = "H5307",
 is|strong = "H0834" of|strong = "H6440" Jewish|strong = "H3064"

descent|strong = "H2233", you|strong = "H0834" will|strong = "H0834"
 not|strong = "H3808" prevail|strong = "H3201" against|strong = "H6440"
 him|strong = "H0853", but|strong = "H3588" you|strong = "H0834"
 will|strong = "H0834" surely|strong = "H3588" fall|strong = "H5307"
 before|strong = "H6440" him|strong = "H0853".¹⁴ While|strong = "H5750"
 they|strong = "H0834" were|strong = "H0834" yet|strong = "H5750"
 talking|strong = "H1696" with|strong = "H5973" him|strong = "H0413",
 the|strong = "H0853" king's|strong = "H4428" eunuchs|strong = "H5631"
 came|strong = "H0935", and|strong = "H0935" hurried|strong = "H0926"
 to|strong = "H0413" bring|strong = "H0935" Haman|strong = "H2001"
 to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H0853" banquet|strong = "H4960"
 that|strong = "H0834" Esther|strong = "H0635" had|strong = "H0834"
 prepared|strong = "H6213".

7So|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H0935" king|strong = "H4428"
 and|strong = "H0935" Haman|strong = "H2001" came|strong = "H0935"
 to|strong = "H0935" banquet with|strong = "H5973" Esther|strong = "H0635"
 the|strong = "H0935" queen|strong = "H4436".² The|strong = "H0559"
 king|strong = "H4428" said|strong = "H0559" again|strong = "H8145"
 to|strong = "H0559" Esther|strong = "H0635" on|strong = "H3117"
 the|strong = "H0559" second|strong = "H8145" day|strong = "H3117"
 at|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0559" banquet|strong = "H4960"
 of|strong = "H4428" wine|strong = "H3196", "What|strong = "H4100"
 is|strong = "H4100" your|strong = "H5414" petition|strong = "H7596",
 queen|strong = "H4436" Esther|strong = "H0635"? It|strong = "H5414"
 shall|strong = "H3117" be|strong = "H1571" granted|strong = "H5414"
 you|strong = "H5414". What|strong = "H4100" is|strong = "H4100"
 your|strong = "H5414" request|strong = "H1246"? Even|strong = "H1571"
 to|strong = "H0559" the|strong = "H0559" half|strong = "H2677"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0559" kingdom|strong = "H4438"
 it|strong = "H5414" shall|strong = "H3117" be|strong = "H1571"
 performed|strong = "H5414".

3Then|strong = "H6030" Esther|strong = "H0635" the|strong = "H0559"
 queen|strong = "H4436" answered|strong = "H0559", "If|strong = "H0518"
 I|strong = "H0518" have|strong = "H5869" found|strong = "H4672"
 favor|strong = "H2580" in|strong = "H5921" your|strong = "H5414"
 sight|strong = "H5869", O|strong = "H5315" king|strong = "H4428",
 and|strong = "H4428" if|strong = "H0518" it|strong = "H5414"
 pleases|strong = "H2895" the|strong = "H0559" king|strong = "H4428",
 let|strong = "H5414" my|strong = "H5414" life|strong = "H5315"
 be|strong = "H5315" given|strong = "H5414" me|strong = "H5414"
 at|strong = "H5921" my|strong = "H5414" petition|strong = "H7596",
 and|strong = "H4428" my|strong = "H5414" people|strong = "H5971"
 at|strong = "H5921" my|strong = "H5414" request|strong = "H1246".⁴

For|strong = "H3588" we|strong = "H3588" are|strong = "H5650"
sold|strong = "H4376", I|strong = "H0589" and|strong = "H4428"
my|strong = "H3588" people|strong = "H5971", to|strong = "H0369"
be|strong = "H4428" destroyed|strong = "H8045", to|strong = "H0369"
be|strong = "H4428" slain|strong = "H2026", and|strong = "H4428"
to|strong = "H0369" perish|strong = "H0006". But|strong = "H3588"
if|strong = "H3588" we|strong = "H3588" had|strong = "H0369"
been|strong = "H0006" sold|strong = "H4376" for|strong = "H3588"
male|strong = "H5650" and|strong = "H4428" female|strong = "H8198"
slaves|strong = "H5650", I|strong = "H0589" would|strong = "H8198"
have|strong = "H0369" held my|strong = "H3588" peace,
although|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3588" adversary
could|strong = "H5971" not|strong = "H0369" have|strong = "H0369"
compensated for|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3588"
king's|strong = "H4428" loss."

5Then|strong = "H2088" King|strong = "H4428"
Ahasuerus|strong = "H0325" said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559"
Esther|strong = "H0635" the|strong = "H0559" queen|strong = "H4436",
"Who|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834",
and|strong = "H4428" where|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834"
he|strong = "H0834" who|strong = "H0834" dared presume
in|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H0834" heart|strong = "H3820"
to|strong = "H0559" do|strong = "H6213" so|strong = "H3651"?"

6Esther|strong = "H0635" said|strong = "H0559", "An|strong = "H6440"
adversary and|strong = "H4428" an|strong = "H6440"
enemy|strong = "H0341", even this|strong = "H2088"
wicked|strong = "H7451" Haman|strong = "H2001"!"

T hen|strong = "H2088" Haman|strong = "H2001" was|strong = "H0376"
afraid before|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H0559" king|strong = "H4428"
and|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0559" queen|strong = "H4436".⁷
The|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4428" arose|strong = "H6965"
in|strong = "H5921" his|strong = "H5921" wrath|strong = "H2534"
from|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" banquet|strong = "H4960"
of|strong = "H4428" wine|strong = "H3196" and|strong = "H6965"
went|strong = "H6965" into|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H5921"
palace|strong = "H1055" garden|strong = "H1594". Haman|strong = "H2001"
stood|strong = "H5975" up|strong = "H6965" to|strong = "H0413"
make|strong = "H7200" request|strong = "H1245" for|strong = "H3588"
his|strong = "H5921" life|strong = "H5315" to|strong = "H0413"
Esther|strong = "H0635" the|strong = "H5921" queen|strong = "H4436",
for|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H3588" saw|strong = "H7200"
that|strong = "H3588" there|strong = "H5975" was|strong = "H4428"

evil|strong = "H7451" determined|strong = "H3615" against|strong = "H5921" him|strong = "H0413" by|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921" king|strong = "H4428". ⁸ Then|strong = "H3318" the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428" returned|strong = "H7725" out|strong = "H3318" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853" palace|strong = "H1004" garden|strong = "H1594" into|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H0853" place|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853" banquet|strong = "H4960" of|strong = "H4428" wine|strong = "H3196"; and|strong = "H4428" Haman|strong = "H2001" had|strong = "H0834" fallen|strong = "H5307" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0853" couch|strong = "H4296" where|strong = "H0834" Esther|strong = "H0635" was|strong = "H0834". Then|strong = "H3318" the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428" said|strong = "H0559", "Will|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" even|strong = "H1571" assault|strong = "H3533" the|strong = "H0853" queen|strong = "H4436" in|strong = "H5921" front|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H4428" me|strong = "H0413" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0853" house|strong = "H1004"?" As|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H0853" word|strong = "H1697" went|strong = "H3318" out|strong = "H3318" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853" king's|strong = "H4428" mouth|strong = "H6310", they|strong = "H0834" covered|strong = "H2645" Haman's|strong = "H2001" face|strong = "H6440".

⁹Then|strong = "H1696" Harbonah|strong = "H2726", one|strong = "H0259" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0559" eunuchs|strong = "H5631" who|strong = "H0834" were|strong = "H0834" with|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H0559" king|strong = "H4428", said|strong = "H0559", "Behold|strong = "H2009", the|strong = "H0559" gallows|strong = "H6086" fifty|strong = "H2572" cubits|strong = "H0520" ⁴ high|strong = "H1364", which|strong = "H0834" Haman|strong = "H2001" has|strong = "H0834" made|strong = "H6213" for|strong = "H5921" Mordecai|strong = "H4782", who|strong = "H0834" spoke|strong = "H1696" good|strong = "H2896" for|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0559" king|strong = "H4428", is|strong = "H0834" standing|strong = "H5975" at|strong = "H5921" Haman's|strong = "H2001" house|strong = "H1004"."

T he|strong = "H0559" king|strong = "H4428" said|strong = "H0559", "Hang|strong = "H8518" him|strong = "H5921" on|strong = "H5921" it|strong = "H5921"!"

¹⁰So|strong = "H0834" they|strong = "H0834" hanged|strong = "H8518" Haman|strong = "H2001" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0853"

⁴ + 7:9 A cubit is the length from the tip of the middle finger to the elbow on a man's arm, or about 18 inches or 46 centimeters.

gallows|strong = "H6086" that|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" had|strong = "H0834" prepared|strong = "H3559" for|strong = "H5921" Mordecai|strong = "H4782". Then|strong = "H0853" the|strong = "H0853" king's|strong = "H4428" wrath|strong = "H2534" was|strong = "H0834" pacified.

8On|strong = "H3117" that|strong = "H3588" day|strong = "H3117", King|strong = "H4428" Ahasuerus|strong = "H0325" gave|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H0853" house|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H4428" Haman|strong = "H2001", the|strong = "H0853" Jews'|strong = "H3064" enemy|strong = "H6887", to|strong = "H0935" Esther|strong = "H0635" the|strong = "H0853" queen|strong = "H4436". Mordecai|strong = "H4782" came|strong = "H0935" before|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428"; for|strong = "H3588" Esther|strong = "H0635" had|strong = "H4428" told|strong = "H5046" what|strong = "H4100" he|strong = "H1931" was|strong = "H1931" to|strong = "H0935" her|strong = "H5046". ² The|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428" took|strong = "H5493" off|strong = "H5921" his|strong = "H5414" ring|strong = "H2885", which|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" had|strong = "H0834" taken|strong = "H5493" from|strong = "H5493" Haman|strong = "H2001", and|strong = "H4428" gave|strong = "H5414" it|strong = "H7760" to|strong = "H5921" Mordecai|strong = "H4782". Esther|strong = "H0635" set|strong = "H7760" Mordecai|strong = "H4782" over|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0853" house|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H4428" Haman|strong = "H2001".

3Esther|strong = "H0635" spoke|strong = "H1696" yet|strong = "H3254" again|strong = "H3254" before|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428", and|strong = "H4428" fell|strong = "H5307" down|strong = "H5307" at|strong = "H5921" his|strong = "H5921" feet|strong = "H7272" and|strong = "H4428" begged him|strong = "H5921" with|strong = "H5921" tears to|strong = "H1696" put away|strong = "H5307" the|strong = "H0853" mischief of|strong = "H4428" Haman|strong = "H2001" the|strong = "H0853" Agagite|strong = "H0091", and|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H5921" plan|strong = "H2803" that|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" had|strong = "H0834" planned|strong = "H2803" against|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0853" Jews|strong = "H3064". ⁴ Then|strong = "H6965" the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428" held out|strong = "H6440" to|strong = "H6440" Esther|strong = "H0635" the|strong = "H0853" golden|strong = "H2091" scepter|strong = "H8275". So|strong = "H6965" Esther|strong = "H0635" arose|strong = "H6965", and|strong = "H6965" stood|strong = "H5975" before|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428". ⁵ She|strong = "H0834" said|strong = "H0559", "If|strong = "H0518" it|strong = "H0518" pleases|strong = "H5869" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428",

and|strong = "H1121" if|strong = "H0518" I|strong = "H0589"
 have|strong = "H0834" found|strong = "H4672" favor|strong = "H2580"
 in|strong = "H5921" his|strong = "H3605" sight|strong = "H5869",
 and|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3605" thing|strong = "H1697"
 seems|strong = "H3605" right|strong = "H5869" to|strong = "H0559"
 the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428", and|strong = "H1121"
 I|strong = "H0589" am|strong = "H0589" pleasing in|strong = "H5921"
 his|strong = "H3605" eyes|strong = "H5869", let it|strong = "H0518"
 be|strong = "H1121" written|strong = "H3789" to|strong = "H0559"
 reverse|strong = "H7725" the|strong = "H3605" letters|strong = "H5612"
 devised|strong = "H4284" by|strong = "H5921" Haman|strong = "H2001",
 the|strong = "H3605" son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121"
 Hammedatha the|strong = "H3605" Agagite|strong = "H0091",
 which|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" wrote|strong = "H3789"
 to|strong = "H0559" destroy|strong = "H0006" the|strong = "H3605"
 Jews|strong = "H3064" who|strong = "H0834" are|strong = "H0834"
 in|strong = "H5921" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 king's|strong = "H4428" provinces|strong = "H4082". ⁶
 For|strong = "H3588" how|strong = "H0349" can|strong = "H3201"
 I|strong = "H0834" endure|strong = "H3201" to|strong = "H3201"
 see|strong = "H7200" the|strong = "H0853" evil|strong = "H7451"
 that|strong = "H0834" would|strong = "H0834" come|strong = "H4672"
 to|strong = "H3201" my|strong = "H7200" people|strong = "H5971"?
 How|strong = "H0349" can|strong = "H3201" I|strong = "H0834"
 endure|strong = "H3201" to|strong = "H3201" see|strong = "H7200"
 the|strong = "H0853" destruction|strong = "H7451" of|strong = "H4672"
 my|strong = "H7200" relatives|strong = "H4138"?"

⁷Then|strong = "H2009" King|strong = "H4428"
 Ahasuerus|strong = "H0325" said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559"
 Esther|strong = "H0635" the|strong = "H0853" queen|strong = "H4436"
 and|strong = "H3027" to|strong = "H0559" Mordecai|strong = "H4782"
 the|strong = "H0853" Jew|strong = "H3064", "See|strong = "H2009",
 I|strong = "H0834" have|strong = "H0834" given|strong = "H5414"
 Esther|strong = "H0635" the|strong = "H0853" house|strong = "H1004"
 of|strong = "H4428" Haman|strong = "H2001", and|strong = "H3027"
 they|strong = "H0834" have|strong = "H0834" hanged|strong = "H8518"
 him|strong = "H5414" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0853"
 gallows|strong = "H6086" because|strong = "H5921" he|strong = "H0834"
 laid|strong = "H5414" his|strong = "H5414" hand|strong = "H3027"
 on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0853" Jews|strong = "H3064". ⁸
 Write|strong = "H3789" also|strong = "H4428" to|strong = "H7725"
 the|strong = "H0834" Jews|strong = "H3064" as|strong = "H0834"
 it|strong = "H5921" pleases|strong = "H5869" you|strong = "H0859",
 in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0834" king's|strong = "H4428"

name|strong = "H8034", and|strong = "H4428" seal|strong = "H2856" it|strong = "H5921" with|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0834" king's|strong = "H4428" ring|strong = "H2885"; for|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H0834" writing|strong = "H3789" which|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0369" written|strong = "H3789" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0834" king's|strong = "H4428" name|strong = "H8034", and|strong = "H4428" sealed|strong = "H2856" with|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0834" king's|strong = "H4428" ring|strong = "H2885", may|strong = "H0834" not|strong = "H0369" be|strong = "H8034" reversed by|strong = "H5921" any|strong = "H0369" man|strong = "H0369"."

9Then|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428" scribes|strong = "H5608" were|strong = "H0834" called|strong = "H7121" at|strong = "H0413" that|strong = "H0834" time|strong = "H6256", in|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" third|strong = "H7992" month|strong = "H2320", which|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H3605" month|strong = "H2320" Sivan|strong = "H5510", on|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" twenty-third|strong = "H6242" day|strong = "H2320" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" month|strong = "H2320"; and|strong = "H3967" it|strong = "H1931" was|strong = "H0834" written|strong = "H3789" according|strong = "H0413" to|strong = "H0413" all|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H0834" Mordecai|strong = "H4782" commanded|strong = "H6680" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064", and|strong = "H3967" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" local governors|strong = "H6346", and|strong = "H3967" the|strong = "H3605" governors|strong = "H6346" and|strong = "H3967" princes|strong = "H8269" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" provinces|strong = "H4082" which|strong = "H0834" are|strong = "H0834" from|strong = "H5704" India|strong = "H1912" to|strong = "H0413" Ethiopia|strong = "H3568", one|strong = "H3605" hundred|strong = "H3967" twenty-seven provinces|strong = "H4082", to|strong = "H0413" every|strong = "H3605" province|strong = "H4082" according|strong = "H0413" to|strong = "H0413" its|strong = "H3605" writing|strong = "H3789", and|strong = "H3967" to|strong = "H0413" every|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971" in|strong = "H0413" their|strong = "H3605" language|strong = "H3956", and|strong = "H3967" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064" in|strong = "H0413" their|strong = "H3605" writing|strong = "H3789", and|strong = "H3967" in|strong = "H0413" their|strong = "H3605" language|strong = "H3956". ¹⁰ He|strong = "H7971" wrote|strong = "H3789" in|strong = "H3789" the|strong = "H7971" name|strong = "H8034" of|strong = "H1121" King|strong = "H4428" Ahasuerus|strong = "H0325", and|strong = "H1121" sealed|strong = "H2856" it|strong = "H7971" with|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H7971" king's|strong = "H4428" ring|strong = "H2885", and|strong = "H1121"

sent|strong = "H7971" letters|strong = "H5612" by|strong = "H3027" courier|strong = "H7323" on|strong = "H7392" horseback|strong = "H5483", riding|strong = "H7392" on|strong = "H7392" royal|strong = "H4428" horses|strong = "H5483" that|strong = "H3027" were|strong = "H1121" bred from|strong = "H3027" swift|strong = "H7409" steeds|strong = "H7409". ¹¹ In|strong = "H5921" those|strong = "H3605" letters, the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" granted|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064" who|strong = "H0834" were|strong = "H0834" in|strong = "H5921" every|strong = "H3605" city|strong = "H5892" to|strong = "H5921" gather|strong = "H6950" themselves|strong = "H5315" together|strong = "H5921" and|strong = "H4428" to|strong = "H5921" defend|strong = "H5975" their|strong = "H3605" lives|strong = "H5315"—to|strong = "H5921" destroy|strong = "H8045", to|strong = "H5921" kill|strong = "H2026", and|strong = "H4428" to|strong = "H5921" cause|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H5921" perish|strong = "H0006" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" power of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971" and|strong = "H4428" province|strong = "H4082" that|strong = "H0834" would|strong = "H0834" assault them|strong = "H5414", their|strong = "H3605" little|strong = "H2945" ones|strong = "H2945" and|strong = "H4428" women|strong = "H0802", and|strong = "H4428" to|strong = "H5921" plunder|strong = "H0962" their|strong = "H3605" possessions|strong = "H7998", ¹² on|strong = "H3117" one|strong = "H0259" day|strong = "H3117" in|strong = "H4428" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" provinces|strong = "H4082" of|strong = "H4428" King|strong = "H4428" Ahasuerus|strong = "H0325", on|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605" thirteenth day|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" twelfth month|strong = "H2320", which|strong = "H1931" is|strong = "H1931" the|strong = "H3605" month|strong = "H2320" Adar|strong = "H0143". ¹³ A|strong = "H1961" copy|strong = "H6572" of|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605" letter|strong = "H3791", that|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" decree|strong = "H1881" should|strong = "H3117" be|strong = "H1961" given|strong = "H5414" out|strong = "H3605" in|strong = "H3117" every|strong = "H3605" province|strong = "H4082", was|strong = "H1961" published|strong = "H1540" to|strong = "H1961" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" peoples|strong = "H5971", that|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064" should|strong = "H3117" be|strong = "H1961" ready for|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H3605" day|strong = "H3117" to|strong = "H1961" avenge|strong = "H5358" themselves on|strong = "H3117" their|strong = "H3605" enemies|strong = "H0341". ¹⁴ So|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H5414" couriers|strong = "H7323" who|strong = "H4428" rode|strong = "H7392" on|strong = "H7392" royal|strong = "H4428" horses|strong = "H7409" went|strong = "H3318" out|strong = "H3318", hastened|strong = "H1765" and|strong = "H4428" pressed on|strong = "H7392" by|strong = "H7323"

the|strong = "H5414" king's|strong = "H4428"
 commandment|strong = "H1697". The|strong = "H5414"
 decree|strong = "H1881" was|strong = "H4428" given|strong = "H5414"
 out|strong = "H3318" in|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5414"
 citadel|strong = "H1002" of|strong = "H4428" Susa|strong = "H7800".

15Mordecai|strong = "H4782" went|strong = "H3318"
 out|strong = "H3318" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H6440"
 presence|strong = "H6440" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H6440"
 king|strong = "H4428" in|strong = "H4428" royal|strong = "H4438"
 clothing|strong = "H3830" of|strong = "H4428" blue|strong = "H8504"
 and|strong = "H4428" white|strong = "H2353", and|strong = "H4428"
 with|strong = "H3318" a|strong = "H3318" great|strong = "H1419"
 crown|strong = "H5850" of|strong = "H4428" gold|strong = "H2091",
 and|strong = "H4428" with|strong = "H3318" a|strong = "H3318"
 robe|strong = "H3830" of|strong = "H4428" fine|strong = "H0948"
 linen|strong = "H0948" and|strong = "H4428" purple|strong = "H0713";
 and|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H6440" city|strong = "H5892"
 of|strong = "H4428" Susa|strong = "H7800" shouted|strong = "H6670"
 and|strong = "H4428" was|strong = "H4428" glad|strong = "H8055". ¹⁶
 The|strong = "H1961" Jews|strong = "H3064" had|strong = "H1961" light,
 gladness|strong = "H8057", joy|strong = "H8057", and|strong = "H8057"
 honor|strong = "H3366". ¹⁷ In|strong = "H5921" every|strong = "H3605"
 province|strong = "H4082" and|strong = "H0776" in|strong = "H5921"
 every|strong = "H3605" city|strong = "H5892", wherever|strong = "H0834"
 the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428"
 commandment|strong = "H1697" and|strong = "H0776" his|strong = "H3605"
 decree|strong = "H1881" came|strong = "H5060", the|strong = "H3605"
 Jews|strong = "H3064" had|strong = "H0834" gladness|strong = "H8057",
 joy|strong = "H8057", a|strong = "H3588" feast|strong = "H4960"
 and|strong = "H0776" a|strong = "H3588" holiday. Many|strong = "H7227"
 from|strong = "H5921" among|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605"
 peoples|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605"
 land|strong = "H0776" became|strong = "H1697" Jews|strong = "H3064",
 for|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3605" fear|strong = "H6343"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064"
 had|strong = "H0834" fallen|strong = "H5307" on|strong = "H5921"
 them|strong = "H5921".

9Now|strong = "H3117" in|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0834" twelfth
 month|strong = "H2320", which|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834"
 the|strong = "H0834" month|strong = "H2320" Adar|strong = "H0143",
 on|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0834" thirteenth day|strong = "H3117"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0834" month|strong = "H2320",
 when|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0834" king's|strong = "H4428"

commandment|strong = "H1697" and|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H0834"
 decree|strong = "H1881" came|strong = "H5060" near|strong = "H5060"
 to|strong = "H3117" be|strong = "H1697" put in|strong = "H4428" execution,
 on|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0834" day|strong = "H3117"
 that|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H0834" enemies|strong = "H0341"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0834" Jews|strong = "H3064" hoped
 to|strong = "H3117" conquer them|strong = "H1992", (but|strong = "H1992"
 it|strong = "H1931" turned|strong = "H2015" out|strong = "H8147"
 that|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H0834" opposite|strong = "H8147"
 happened|strong = "H1697", that|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H0834"
 Jews|strong = "H3064" conquered those|strong = "H0834"
 who|strong = "H0834" hated|strong = "H8130" them|strong = "H1992"), ²
 the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064" gathered|strong = "H6950"
 themselves|strong = "H7451" together|strong = "H5921" in|strong = "H5921"
 their|strong = "H3605" cities|strong = "H5892" throughout|strong = "H3605"
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" provinces|strong = "H4082"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" King|strong = "H4428"
 Ahasuerus|strong = "H0325", to|strong = "H5921" lay|strong = "H7971"
 hands|strong = "H3027" on|strong = "H5921" those|strong = "H3605"
 who|strong = "H3605" wanted|strong = "H1245" to|strong = "H5921"
 harm|strong = "H7451" them|strong = "H5921". No|strong = "H3808"
 one|strong = "H0376" could|strong = "H0376" withstand|strong = "H5975"
 them|strong = "H5921", because|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3605"
 fear|strong = "H6343" of|strong = "H4428" them|strong = "H5921"
 had|strong = "H4428" fallen|strong = "H5307" on|strong = "H5921"
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971". ³
 All|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" princes|strong = "H8269"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" provinces|strong = "H4082",
 the|strong = "H3605" local governors|strong = "H6346", the|strong = "H3605"
 governors|strong = "H6346", and|strong = "H4428" those|strong = "H3605"
 who|strong = "H0834" did|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H3605"
 king's|strong = "H4428" business|strong = "H4399" helped
 the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064", because|strong = "H3588"
 the|strong = "H3605" fear|strong = "H6343" of|strong = "H4428"
 Mordecai|strong = "H4782" had|strong = "H0834" fallen|strong = "H5307"
 on|strong = "H5921" them|strong = "H0853". ⁴ For|strong = "H3588"
 Mordecai|strong = "H4782" was|strong = "H0376" great|strong = "H1419"
 in|strong = "H1980" the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428"
 house|strong = "H1004", and|strong = "H1980" his|strong = "H3605"
 fame|strong = "H8089" went|strong = "H1980" out|strong = "H3605"
 throughout|strong = "H3605" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 provinces|strong = "H4082", for|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3605"
 man|strong = "H0376" Mordecai|strong = "H4782" grew|strong = "H1980"
 greater|strong = "H1419" and|strong = "H1980" greater|strong = "H1419". ⁵
 The|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064" struck|strong = "H5221"
 all|strong = "H3605" their|strong = "H3605" enemies|strong = "H0341"

with|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" stroke of|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" sword|strong = "H2719", and|strong = "H2719" with|strong = "H3605" slaughter|strong = "H4347" and|strong = "H2719" destruction|strong = "H0012", and|strong = "H2719" did|strong = "H6213" what|strong = "H7522" they|strong = "H3605" wanted to|strong = "H3605" those|strong = "H3605" who|strong = "H3605" hated|strong = "H8130" them|strong = "H5221". ⁶ In|strong = "H0376" the|strong = "H2026" citadel|strong = "H1002" of|strong = "H0376" Susa|strong = "H7800", the|strong = "H2026" Jews|strong = "H3064" killed|strong = "H2026" and|strong = "H3967" destroyed|strong = "H0006" five|strong = "H2568" hundred|strong = "H3967" men|strong = "H0376". ⁷ They killed Parshandatha|strong = "H6577", Dalphon|strong = "H1813", Aspatha|strong = "H0630", ⁸ Poratha|strong = "H6334", Adalia|strong = "H0118", Aridatha|strong = "H0743", ⁹ Parmashta|strong = "H6534", Arisai|strong = "H0747", Aridai|strong = "H0742", and|strong = "H0853" Vaizatha|strong = "H2055", ¹⁰ the|strong = "H0853" ten|strong = "H6235" sons|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Haman|strong = "H2001" the|strong = "H0853" son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Hammedatha, the|strong = "H0853" Jews|strong = "H3064" enemy|strong = "H6887", but|strong = "H3808" they|strong = "H3808" didn't|strong = "H3808" lay|strong = "H7971" their|strong = "H7971" hand|strong = "H3027" on|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H0853" plunder|strong = "H0961".

¹¹ On|strong = "H3117" that|strong = "H3117" day|strong = "H3117", the|strong = "H6440" number|strong = "H4557" of|strong = "H4428" those|strong = "H1931" who|strong = "H1931" were|strong = "H3117" slain|strong = "H2026" in|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H6440" citadel|strong = "H1002" of|strong = "H4428" Susa|strong = "H7800" was|strong = "H1931" brought|strong = "H0935" before|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H6440" king|strong = "H4428". ¹² The|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428" said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559" Esther|strong = "H0635" the|strong = "H0853" queen|strong = "H4436", "The|strong = "H0853" Jews|strong = "H3064" have|strong = "H0376" slain|strong = "H2026" and|strong = "H1121" destroyed|strong = "H0006" five|strong = "H2568" hundred|strong = "H3967" men|strong = "H0376" in|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853" citadel|strong = "H1002" of|strong = "H1121" Susa|strong = "H7800", including|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853" ten|strong = "H6235" sons|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Haman|strong = "H2001"; what|strong = "H4100" then|strong = "H0853" have|strong = "H0376" they|strong = "H0376" done|strong = "H6213" in|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853" rest|strong = "H7605" of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H0853" king's|strong = "H4428" provinces|strong = "H4082"! Now|strong = "H5414" what|strong = "H4100" is|strong = "H4100" your|strong = "H5414"

petition|strong = "H7596"? It|strong = "H5414" shall|strong = "H1121"
 be|strong = "H5750" granted|strong = "H5414" you|strong = "H5414".
 What|strong = "H4100" is|strong = "H4100" your|strong = "H5414"
 further|strong = "H5750" request|strong = "H1246"? It|strong = "H5414"
 shall|strong = "H1121" be|strong = "H5750" done|strong = "H6213".

13Then|strong = "H0853" Esther|strong = "H0635" said|strong = "H0559",
 "If|strong = "H0518" it|strong = "H5414" pleases the|strong = "H0853"
 king|strong = "H4428", let|strong = "H5414" it|strong = "H5414"
 be|strong = "H1571" granted|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H0559"
 the|strong = "H0853" Jews|strong = "H3064" who|strong = "H0834"
 are|strong = "H0834" in|strong = "H5921" Susa|strong = "H7800"
 to|strong = "H0559" do|strong = "H6213" tomorrow|strong = "H4279"
 also|strong = "H1571" according|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H0559"
 today's|strong = "H3117" decree|strong = "H1881", and|strong = "H1121"
 let|strong = "H5414" Haman's|strong = "H2001" ten|strong = "H6235"
 sons|strong = "H1121" be|strong = "H1571" hanged|strong = "H8518"
 on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0853" gallows|strong = "H6086".

14The|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428"
 commanded|strong = "H0559" this|strong = "H3651" to|strong = "H0559"
 be|strong = "H1121" done|strong = "H6213". A|strong = "H5414"
 decree|strong = "H1881" was|strong = "H4428" given|strong = "H5414"
 out|strong = "H0853" in|strong = "H4428" Susa|strong = "H7800";
 and|strong = "H1121" they|strong = "H3651" hanged|strong = "H8518"
 Haman's|strong = "H2001" ten|strong = "H6235" sons|strong = "H1121". 15
 The|strong = "H0853" Jews|strong = "H3064" who|strong = "H0834"
 were|strong = "H0834" in|strong = "H3117" Susa|strong = "H7800"
 gathered|strong = "H6950" themselves|strong = "H6950"
 together|strong = "H1571" on|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0853"
 fourteenth day|strong = "H3117" also|strong = "H1571" of|strong = "H0376"
 the|strong = "H0853" month|strong = "H2320" Adar|strong = "H0143",
 and|strong = "H3967" killed|strong = "H2026" three|strong = "H7969"
 hundred|strong = "H3967" men|strong = "H0376" in|strong = "H3117"
 Susa|strong = "H7800"; but|strong = "H3808" they|strong = "H0834"
 didn't|strong = "H3808" lay|strong = "H7971" their|strong = "H7971"
 hand|strong = "H3027" on|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0853"
 plunder|strong = "H0961".

16The|strong = "H0853" other Jews|strong = "H3064"
 who|strong = "H0834" were|strong = "H0834" in|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H0853" king's|strong = "H4428" provinces|strong = "H4082"
 gathered|strong = "H6950" themselves|strong = "H5315"
 together|strong = "H5921", defended their|strong = "H5921"
 lives|strong = "H5315", had|strong = "H0834" rest|strong = "H7605"

from|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H5921" enemies|strong = "H0341",
 and|strong = "H3027" killed|strong = "H2026" seventy-five|strong = "H7657"
 thousand|strong = "H0505" of|strong = "H4428" those|strong = "H0834"
 who|strong = "H0834" hated|strong = "H8130" them|strong = "H0853";
 but|strong = "H3808" they|strong = "H0834" didn't|strong = "H3808"
 lay|strong = "H7971" their|strong = "H5921" hand|strong = "H3027"
 on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0853" plunder|strong = "H0961". ¹⁷
 This|strong = "H3117" was|strong = "H3117" done|strong = "H6213"
 on|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0853" thirteenth day|strong = "H3117"
 of|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0853" month|strong = "H2320"
 Adar|strong = "H0143"; and|strong = "H3117" on|strong = "H3117"
 the|strong = "H0853" fourteenth day|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117"
 that|strong = "H3117" month|strong = "H2320" they|strong = "H3117"
 rested|strong = "H5117" and|strong = "H3117" made|strong = "H6213"
 it|strong = "H5117" a|strong = "H3117" day|strong = "H3117"
 of|strong = "H3117" feasting|strong = "H4960" and|strong = "H3117"
 gladness|strong = "H8057".

18But|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0853" Jews|strong = "H3064"
 who|strong = "H0834" were|strong = "H0834" in|strong = "H3117"
 Susa|strong = "H7800" assembled|strong = "H6950"
 together|strong = "H6950" on|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0853"
 thirteenth and|strong = "H3117" on|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0853"
 fourteenth days|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0853"
 month; and|strong = "H3117" on|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0853"
 fifteenth day|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117" that|strong = "H0834"
 month, they|strong = "H0834" rested|strong = "H5117",
 and|strong = "H3117" made|strong = "H6213" it|strong = "H5117"
 a|strong = "H0834" day|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117"
 feasting|strong = "H4960" and|strong = "H3117" gladness|strong = "H8057".
¹⁹ Therefore|strong = "H3651" the|strong = "H0853" Jews|strong = "H3064"
 of|strong = "H0376" the|strong = "H0853" villages|strong = "H6519",
 who|strong = "H0376" live|strong = "H3427" in|strong = "H3427"
 the|strong = "H0853" unwalled|strong = "H6521" towns|strong = "H5892",
 make|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H0853" fourteenth
 day|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H0376" the|strong = "H0853"
 month|strong = "H2320" Adar|strong = "H0143" a|strong = "H5921"
 day|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H0376" gladness|strong = "H8057"
 and|strong = "H3117" feasting|strong = "H4960", a|strong = "H5921" holiday,
 and|strong = "H3117" a|strong = "H5921" day|strong = "H3117"
 of|strong = "H0376" sending|strong = "H4916" presents of|strong = "H0376"
 food|strong = "H4490" to|strong = "H5921" one|strong = "H0376"
 another|strong = "H7453".

the|strong = "H3605" lot|strong = "H1486", to|strong = "H5921" consume them|strong = "H5921" and|strong = "H1121" to|strong = "H5921" destroy|strong = "H0006" them|strong = "H5921"; ²⁵ but|strong = "H0935" when|strong = "H0834" this|strong = "H0834" became|strong = "H7725" known to|strong = "H0559" the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428", he|strong = "H0834" commanded|strong = "H0559" by|strong = "H5921" letters|strong = "H5612" that|strong = "H0834" his|strong = "H5921" wicked|strong = "H7451" plan|strong = "H2803", which|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" had|strong = "H0834" planned|strong = "H2803" against|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0853" Jews|strong = "H3064", should|strong = "H0559" return|strong = "H7725" on|strong = "H5921" his|strong = "H5921" own|strong = "H6440" head|strong = "H7218", and|strong = "H1121" that|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" and|strong = "H1121" his|strong = "H5921" sons|strong = "H1121" should|strong = "H0559" be|strong = "H1121" hanged|strong = "H8518" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0853" gallows|strong = "H6086".

²⁶Therefore|strong = "H3651" they|strong = "H3651" called|strong = "H7121" these|strong = "H0428" days|strong = "H3117" "Purim|strong = "H6332"", ⁵ from|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" word|strong = "H1697" "Pur|strong = "H6332"." Therefore|strong = "H3651" because|strong = "H5921" of|strong = "H3117" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" words|strong = "H1697" of|strong = "H3117" this|strong = "H2063" letter|strong = "H0107", and|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117" that|strong = "H3605" which|strong = "H0428" they|strong = "H3651" had|strong = "H3117" seen|strong = "H7200" concerning|strong = "H5921" this|strong = "H2063" matter|strong = "H1697", and|strong = "H3117" that|strong = "H3605" which|strong = "H0428" had|strong = "H3117" come|strong = "H5060" to|strong = "H0413" them|strong = "H0413", ²⁷ the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064" established|strong = "H6965" and|strong = "H6965" imposed on|strong = "H5921" themselves|strong = "H0428", on|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H3605" descendants|strong = "H2233", and|strong = "H6965" on|strong = "H5921" all|strong = "H3605" those|strong = "H0428" who|strong = "H3605" joined themselves|strong = "H0428" to|strong = "H1961" them|strong = "H0853", so|strong = "H6213" that|strong = "H3605" it|strong = "H5921" should|strong = "H6213" not|strong = "H3808" fail|strong = "H5674" that|strong = "H3605" they|strong = "H3117" would|strong = "H3605" keep|strong = "H6213" these|strong = "H0428" two|strong = "H8147" days|strong = "H3117" according|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H1961" what|strong = "H2233" was|strong = "H1961" written and|strong = "H6965" according|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H1961" its|strong = "H3605" appointed|strong = "H2165" time|strong = "H3117" every|strong = "H3605"

⁵ + 9:26 Purim is the Hebrew plural for pur, which means lot.

year|strong = "H8141"; ²⁸ and|strong = "H3117" that|strong = "H3605"
 these|strong = "H0428" days|strong = "H3117" should|strong = "H6213"
 be|strong = "H3808" remembered|strong = "H2142" and|strong = "H3117"
 kept|strong = "H6213" throughout|strong = "H3605" every|strong = "H3605"
 generation|strong = "H1755", every|strong = "H3605"
 family|strong = "H4940", every|strong = "H3605" province|strong = "H4082",
 and|strong = "H3117" every|strong = "H3605" city|strong = "H5892";
 and|strong = "H3117" that|strong = "H3605" these|strong = "H0428"
 days|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117" Purim|strong = "H6332"
 should|strong = "H6213" not|strong = "H3808" fail|strong = "H5674"
 from|strong = "H3117" among|strong = "H8432" the|strong = "H3605"
 Jews|strong = "H3064", nor|strong = "H3808" their|strong = "H3605"
 memory|strong = "H2143" perish from|strong = "H3117"
 their|strong = "H3605" offspring|strong = "H2233". ⁶

29Then|strong = "H6965" Esther|strong = "H0635" the|strong = "H3605"
 queen|strong = "H4436", the|strong = "H3605" daughter|strong = "H1323"
 of|strong = "H1323" Abihail|strong = "H0032", and|strong = "H6965"
 Mordecai|strong = "H4782" the|strong = "H3605" Jew|strong = "H3064"
 wrote|strong = "H3789" with|strong = "H0854" all|strong = "H3605"
 authority|strong = "H8633" to|strong = "H6965" confirm|strong = "H6965"
 this|strong = "H2063" second|strong = "H8145" letter|strong = "H0107"
 of|strong = "H1323" Purim|strong = "H6332". ³⁰ He|strong = "H7971"
 sent|strong = "H7971" letters|strong = "H5612" to|strong = "H0413"
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064"
 in|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" hundred|strong = "H3967"
 twenty-seven provinces|strong = "H4082" of|strong = "H1697"
 the|strong = "H3605" kingdom|strong = "H4438" of|strong = "H1697"
 Ahasuerus|strong = "H0325" with|strong = "H0413" words|strong = "H1697"
 of|strong = "H1697" peace|strong = "H7965" and|strong = "H3967"
 truth|strong = "H0571", ³¹ to|strong = "H5921" confirm|strong = "H6965"
 these|strong = "H0428" days|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117"
 Purim|strong = "H6332" in|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H5921"
 appointed|strong = "H2165" times|strong = "H3117", as|strong = "H0834"
 Mordecai|strong = "H4782" the|strong = "H0853" Jew|strong = "H3064"
 and|strong = "H6965" Esther|strong = "H0635" the|strong = "H0853"
 queen|strong = "H4436" had|strong = "H0834" decreed,
 and|strong = "H6965" as|strong = "H0834" they|strong = "H0834"
 had|strong = "H0834" imposed upon|strong = "H5921"
 themselves|strong = "H5315" and|strong = "H6965" their|strong = "H5921"
 descendants|strong = "H2233" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0853"
 matter|strong = "H1697" of|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0853" fastings
 and|strong = "H6965" their|strong = "H5921" mourning. ³²
 The|strong = "H1697" commandment|strong = "H1697" of|strong = "H1697"

⁶ + 9:28 or, seed