

The Book of Esther

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1 In the days of Assuerus, who reigned from India to Ethiopia over a hundred and twenty-seven provinces: ² When he sat on the throne of his kingdom, the city Susan was the capital of his kingdom. ³ Now in the third year of his reign he made a great feast for all the princes, and for his servants, for the most mighty of the Persians, and the nobles of the Medes, and the governors of the provinces in his sight, ⁴ That he might shew the riches of glory of his kingdom, and the greatness of his power, for a long time, to wit, for a hundred and fourscore days. ⁵ And when the days of the feast were expired, he invited all the people that were found in Susan, from the greatest to the least: and

commanded a feast to be made days in the court garden the wood, which was planted by the hand of the king. ⁶ And there were hung up on every side sky coloured, and green, and violet hangings, fastened with cords of silk, and of purple, which were put into rings of ivory, and were held up with marble pillars. The beds also were of gold and silver, placed in order upon a floor paved with porphyry and white marble: which was embellished with painting of wonderful variety. ⁷ And they that were invited, drank in golden cups, and the meats were brought in divers vessels one after another. Wine also in abundance and of the best was presented, as was worthy of a king's magnificence. ⁸ Neither was there any one to compel them to drink that were not willing, but as the king had appointed, who set over every table one of his nobles, that every man might take what he would. ⁹ Also Vasthi the queen made a feast

for|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H0834" women|strong = "H0802"
 in|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H0834" palace|strong = "H1004",
 where|strong = "H0834" king|strong = "H4428" Assuerus
 was|strong = "H0834" used|strong = "H6213" to|strong = "H1004" dwell. ¹⁰
 Now|strong = "H3117" on|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0559"
 seventh|strong = "H7637" day|strong = "H3117", when|strong = "H3117"
 the|strong = "H0559" king|strong = "H4428" was|strong = "H3820" merry,
 and|strong = "H4428" after|strong = "H3117" very much drinking
 was|strong = "H3820" well|strong = "H2896" warmed with|strong = "H0854"
 wine|strong = "H3196", he|strong = "H3117" commanded|strong = "H0559"
 Mauman, and|strong = "H4428" Bazatha, and|strong = "H4428"
 Harbona|strong = "H2726", and|strong = "H4428" Bagatha,
 and|strong = "H4428" Abgatha, and|strong = "H4428"
 Zethar|strong = "H2242", and|strong = "H4428" Charcas,
 the|strong = "H0559" seven|strong = "H7651" eunuchs|strong = "H5631"
 that|strong = "H3117" served|strong = "H8334" in|strong = "H4428"
 his|strong = "H6440" presence|strong = "H6440", ¹¹ To|strong = "H0935"
 bring|strong = "H0935" in|strong = "H0935" queen|strong = "H4436" Vasthi
 before|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428",
 with|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H0853" crown|strong = "H3804"
 set|strong = "H0935" upon|strong = "H0935" her|strong = "H7200"
 head|strong = "H8269", to|strong = "H0935" shew her|strong = "H7200"
 beauty|strong = "H3308" to|strong = "H0935" all the|strong = "H0853"
 people|strong = "H5971" and|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H0853"
 princes|strong = "H8269": for|strong = "H3588" she|strong = "H1931"
 was|strong = "H1931" exceeding beautiful|strong = "H3308". ¹²
 But|strong = "H0935" she|strong = "H0834" refused|strong = "H3985",
 and|strong = "H0935" would|strong = "H0834" not come|strong = "H0935"
 at|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0834" king's|strong = "H4428"
 commandment|strong = "H1697", which|strong = "H0834"
 he|strong = "H0834" had|strong = "H0834" signified to|strong = "H0935"
 her|strong = "H0935" by|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H0834"
 eunuchs|strong = "H5631". Whereupon the|strong = "H0834"
 king|strong = "H4428", being angry|strong = "H7107", and|strong = "H0935"
 inflamed with|strong = "H0935" a|strong = "H0935" very|strong = "H3966"
 great|strong = "H3966" fury|strong = "H2534", ¹³ Baked
 the|strong = "H3605" wise|strong = "H2450" men|strong = "H2450",
 who|strong = "H3605" according to|strong = "H0559" the|strong = "H3605"
 custom|strong = "H1697" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605"
 kings|strong = "H4428", were|strong = "H1697" always|strong = "H6256"
 near|strong = "H6440" his|strong = "H3605" person|strong = "H3045",
 and|strong = "H4428" all|strong = "H3605" he|strong = "H3588"
 did|strong = "H3651" was|strong = "H4428" by|strong = "H3605"
 their|strong = "H3605" counsel|strong = "H1697", who|strong = "H3605"
 knew|strong = "H3045" the|strong = "H3605" laws|strong = "H1881",
 and|strong = "H4428" judgments of|strong = "H4428" their|strong = "H3605"

forefathers: ¹⁴ (Now the ^{H6440} chief ^{H8269} and ^{H4428} nearest ^{H7138} him ^{H0413} were ^{H8269}, Charsena, and ^{H4428} Sethar, and ^{H4428} Admatha ^{H0133}, and ^{H4428} Tharsis, and ^{H4428} Mares, and ^{H4428} Marsana, and ^{H4428} Mamuchan, seven ^{H7651} princes ^{H8269} of ^{H4428} the ^{H6440} Persians, and ^{H4428} of ^{H4428} the ^{H6440} Medes ^{H4074}, who ^{H3427} saw ^{H7200} the ^{H6440} face ^{H6440} of ^{H4428} the ^{H6440} king ^{H4428}, and ^{H4428} were ^{H8269} used to ^{H0413} sit ^{H3427} first ^{H7223} after ^{H0413} him ^{H0413}:.) ¹⁵

What ^{H4100} sentence ought to ^{H5921} pass upon ^{H5921} Vasthi the ^{H0853} queen ^{H4436}, who ^{H0834} had ^{H0834} refused ^{H3808} to ^{H5921} obey ^{H6213} the ^{H0853} commandment of ^{H4428} king ^{H4428} Assuerus, which ^{H0834} he ^{H0834} had ^{H0834} sent ^{H3027} to ^{H5921} her ^{H5921} by ^{H5921} the ^{H0853} eunuchs ^{H5631}? ¹⁶

And ^{H4428} Mamuchan answered ^{H0559}, in ^{H5921} the ^{H3605} hearing of ^{H4428} the ^{H3605} king ^{H4428} and ^{H4428} the ^{H3605} princes ^{H8269}: Queen ^{H4436} Vasthi hath not ^{H3808} only ^{H0905} injured the ^{H3605} king ^{H4428}, but ^{H3588} also ^{H4428} all ^{H3605} the ^{H3605} people ^{H5971} and ^{H4428} princes ^{H8269} that ^{H0834} are ^{H0834} in ^{H5921} all ^{H3605} the ^{H3605} provinces ^{H4082} of ^{H4428} king ^{H4428} Assuerus. ¹⁷

For ^{H3588} this ^{H3588} deed ^{H1697} of ^{H4428} the ^{H3605} queen ^{H4436} will ^{H4428} go ^{H3318} abroad to ^{H0559} all ^{H3605} women ^{H0802}, so ^{H3808} that ^{H3588} they ^{H3588} will ^{H4428} despise ^{H0959} their ^{H3605} husbands ^{H1167}, and ^{H0935} will ^{H4428} say ^{H0559}: King ^{H4428} Assuerus commanded ^{H0559} that ^{H3588} queen ^{H4436} Vasthi should ^{H3588} come ^{H0935} in ^{H5921} to ^{H0559} him ^{H5921}, and ^{H0935} she ^{H3588} would ^{H0559} not ^{H3808}. ¹⁸

And ^{H4428} by ^{H3117} this ^{H2088} example all ^{H3605} the ^{H3605} wives of ^{H4428}

the|strong = "H3605" princes|strong = "H8269" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H3605" Persians and|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605"
 Medes|strong = "H4074" will|strong = "H0834" slight the|strong = "H3605"
 commandments|strong = "H1697" of|strong = "H4428"
 their|strong = "H3605" husbands: wherefore the|strong = "H3605"
 king's|strong = "H4428" indignation is|strong = "H0834"
 just|strong = "H0834". ¹⁹ If|strong = "H0518" it|strong = "H5414"
 please|strong = "H2895" thee, let|strong = "H5414" an|strong = "H5414"
 edict|strong = "H1697" go|strong = "H3318" out|strong = "H3318"
 from|strong = "H4480" thy presence|strong = "H6440", and|strong = "H0935"
 let|strong = "H5414" it|strong = "H5414" be|strong = "H3808"
 written|strong = "H3789" according|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H0935"
 the|strong = "H6440" law|strong = "H1881" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H6440" Persians and|strong = "H0935" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H6440" Medes|strong = "H4074", which|strong = "H0834"
 must|strong = "H0518" not|strong = "H3808" be|strong = "H3808" altered,
 that|strong = "H0834" Vasthi come|strong = "H0935" in|strong = "H5921"
 no|strong = "H3808" more|strong = "H4480" to|strong = "H0935"
 the|strong = "H6440" king|strong = "H4428", but|strong = "H0518"
 another|strong = "H3808", that|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834"
 better|strong = "H2896" than|strong = "H4480" her|strong = "H5921",
 be|strong = "H3808" made|strong = "H5414" queen in|strong = "H5921"
 her|strong = "H5921" place|strong = "H5414". ²⁰ And|strong = "H4428"
 let|strong = "H5414" this|strong = "H1931" be|strong = "H4428" published
 through|strong = "H3605" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 provinces of|strong = "H4428" thy empire|strong = "H4438",
 (which|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834" very|strong = "H5704" wide,) and|strong = "H4428"
 let|strong = "H5414" all|strong = "H3605"
 wives|strong = "H0802", as|strong = "H0834" well|strong = "H0834"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" greater|strong = "H1419"
 as|strong = "H0834" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605"
 lesser|strong = "H6996", give|strong = "H5414" honour to|strong = "H5704"
 their|strong = "H3605" husbands|strong = "H1167". ²¹ His|strong = "H4428"
 counsel|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" counsel|strong = "H1697" of|strong = "H4428"
 Mamuchan. ²² And|strong = "H4428" he|strong = "H0376"
 sent|strong = "H7971" letters|strong = "H5612" to|strong = "H0413"
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" provinces|strong = "H4082"
 of|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H3605" kingdom|strong = "H4428",
 as|strong = "H1961" every|strong = "H3605" nation|strong = "H5971"
 could|strong = "H0376" hear|strong = "H5612" and|strong = "H4428"
 read|strong = "H5612", in|strong = "H0413" divers
 languages|strong = "H3956" and|strong = "H4428" characters,

that|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" husbands|strong = "H0376"
 should|strong = "H0376" be|strong = "H1961" rulers and|strong = "H4428"
 masters in|strong = "H0413" their|strong = "H3605" houses|strong = "H1004":
 and|strong = "H4428" that|strong = "H3605" this|strong = "H3605"
 should|strong = "H0376" be|strong = "H1961" published to|strong = "H0413"
 every|strong = "H3605" people|strong = "H5971".

2After|strong = "H0310" this|strong = "H0428", when|strong = "H0834"
 the|strong = "H0853" wrath|strong = "H2534" of|strong = "H4428"
 king|strong = "H4428" Assuerus was|strong = "H0834" appeased,
 he|strong = "H0834" remembered|strong = "H2142" Vasthi,
 and|strong = "H4428" what|strong = "H0834" she|strong = "H0834"
 had|strong = "H0834" done|strong = "H6213" and|strong = "H4428"
 what|strong = "H0834" she|strong = "H0834" had|strong = "H0834" suffered:
² And|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0559" king's|strong = "H4428"
 servants|strong = "H5288" and|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H1245"
 officers said|strong = "H0559": Let young|strong = "H5288"
 women|strong = "H1330" be|strong = "H4428" sought|strong = "H1245"
 for|strong = "H1245" the|strong = "H0559" king|strong = "H4428",
 virgins|strong = "H1330" and|strong = "H4428" beautiful|strong = "H4758",
³ And|strong = "H3027" let|strong = "H5414" some|strong = "H3605" persons
 be|strong = "H3027" sent|strong = "H5414" through|strong = "H3027"
 all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" provinces|strong = "H4082"
 to|strong = "H0413" look|strong = "H6485" for|strong = "H0413"
 beautiful|strong = "H4758" maidens|strong = "H5291" and|strong = "H3027"
 virgins|strong = "H1330": and|strong = "H3027" let|strong = "H5414"
 them|strong = "H0413" bring|strong = "H5414" them|strong = "H0413"
 to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" city of|strong = "H4428" Susan,
 and|strong = "H3027" put|strong = "H5414" them|strong = "H0413"
 into|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" house|strong = "H1004"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" women|strong = "H0802"
 under|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H3605" hand|strong = "H3027"
 of|strong = "H4428" Egeus the|strong = "H3605" eunuch|strong = "H5631",
 who|strong = "H3605" is|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H3605"
 overseer|strong = "H6496" and|strong = "H3027" keeper|strong = "H8104"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428"
 women|strong = "H0802": and|strong = "H3027" let|strong = "H5414"
 them|strong = "H0413" receive|strong = "H5414" women's ornaments,
 and|strong = "H3027" other|strong = "H3605" things|strong = "H3605"
 necessary for|strong = "H0413" their|strong = "H3605" use. ⁴
 And|strong = "H4428" whosoever among|strong = "H8478"
 them|strong = "H8478" all|strong = "H1697" shall|strong = "H0834"
 please|strong = "H3190" the|strong = "H0834" king's|strong = "H4428"
 eyes|strong = "H5869", let|strong = "H3651" her|strong = "H3190"
 be|strong = "H1697" queen instead|strong = "H8478" of|strong = "H4428"

Vasthi. The word pleased and should as

5 There man of named son the the of king king carried from the king king he up daughter by Esther parents exceeding beautiful father being her daughter the according commandment were and to Esther the the delivered to in

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the|strong="H0834" word|strong="H1697"
 pleased|strong="H3190" the|strong="H0834" king|strong="H4428":
 and|strong="H4428" he|strong="H0834" commanded it|strong="H3651"
 should|strong="H6213" be|strong="H1697" done|strong="H6213"
 as|strong="H0834" they|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834" suggested.
 5 There|strong="H1961" was|strong="H8034" a|strong="H1961"
 man|strong="H0376" in|strong="H0376" the|strong="H1961" city
 of|strong="H1121" Susan, a|strong="H1961" Jew|strong="H3064",
 named|strong="H8034" Mardochai, the|strong="H1961"
 son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Jair|strong="H2971",
 the|strong="H1961" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Semei,
 the|strong="H1961" son|strong="H1121" of|strong="H1121" Cis,
 of|strong="H1121" the|strong="H1961" race|strong="H1121"
 of|strong="H1121" Jemini, 6 Who|strong="H0834" had|strong="H0834"
 been|strong="H0834" carried|strong="H1540" away|strong="H1540"
 from|strong="H1540" Jerusalem|strong="H3389" at|strong="H4428"
 the|strong="H0834" time that|strong="H0834" Nabuchodonosor
 king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Babylon|strong="H0894"
 carried|strong="H1540" away|strong="H1540" Jechonias
 king|strong="H4428" of|strong="H4428" Juda, 7 And|strong="H0001"
 he|strong="H1931" had|strong="H1961" brought|strong="H3947"
 up|strong="H0853" his|strong="H3947" brother's
 daughter|strong="H1323" Edissa, who|strong="H1931"
 by|strong="H1961" another name was|strong="H0369" called
 Esther|strong="H0635": now|strong="H1961" she|strong="H1931"
 had|strong="H1961" lost both her|strong="H3947"
 parents|strong="H0001": and|strong="H0001" was|strong="H0369"
 exceeding fair|strong="H3303" and|strong="H0001"
 beautiful|strong="H3303". And|strong="H0001" her|strong="H3947"
 father|strong="H0001" and|strong="H0001" mother|strong="H0517"
 being|strong="H1961" dead|strong="H4194", Mardochai adopted
 her|strong="H3947" for|strong="H3588" his|strong="H3947"
 daughter|strong="H1323". 8 And|strong="H3027" when|strong="H1961"
 the|strong="H0413" king's|strong="H4428" ordinance
 was|strong="H1961" noised abroad, and|strong="H3027"
 according|strong="H0413" to|strong="H0413" his|strong="H8104"
 commandment|strong="H1697" many|strong="H7227" beautiful virgins
 were|strong="H1961" brought|strong="H3947" to|strong="H0413" Susan,
 and|strong="H3027" were|strong="H1961" delivered|strong="H3027"
 to|strong="H0413" Egeus the|strong="H0413" eunuch:
 Esther|strong="H0635" also|strong="H4428" among|strong="H0413"
 the|strong="H0413" rest|strong="H1961" of|strong="H4428"
 the|strong="H0413" maidens|strong="H5291" was|strong="H1961"
 delivered|strong="H3027" to|strong="H0413" him|strong="H0413"
 to|strong="H0413" be|strong="H1961" kept|strong="H8104"
 in|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0413" number of|strong="H4428"

the|strong = "H0413" women|strong = "H0802". ⁹ And|strong = "H4428" she|strong = "H2896" pleased|strong = "H3190" him|strong = "H5414", and|strong = "H4428" found|strong = "H5375" favour in|strong = "H1004" his|strong = "H5414" sight|strong = "H5869". And|strong = "H4428" he|strong = "H5414" commanded the|strong = "H0853" eunuch to|strong = "H5414" hasten the|strong = "H0853" women's ornaments, and|strong = "H4428" to|strong = "H5414" deliver|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H5414" her|strong = "H0802" her|strong = "H0802" part, and|strong = "H4428" seven|strong = "H7651" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853" most|strong = "H4428" beautiful maidens|strong = "H5291" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853" king's|strong = "H4428" house|strong = "H1004", and|strong = "H4428" to|strong = "H5414" adorn and|strong = "H4428" deck out|strong = "H6440" both her|strong = "H0802" and|strong = "H4428" her|strong = "H0802" waiting maids|strong = "H5291". ¹⁰ And|strong = "H0853" she|strong = "H0834" would|strong = "H0834" not|strong = "H3808" tell|strong = "H5046" him|strong = "H5921" her|strong = "H5046" people|strong = "H5971" nor|strong = "H3808" her|strong = "H5046" country. For|strong = "H3588" Mardochai had|strong = "H0834" charged|strong = "H6680" her|strong = "H5046" to|strong = "H5921" say nothing|strong = "H3808" at|strong = "H5921" all of|strong = "H5921" that|strong = "H0834": ¹¹ And|strong = "H1980" he|strong = "H3117" walked|strong = "H1980" every|strong = "H3605" day|strong = "H3117" before|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H3605" court|strong = "H2691" of|strong = "H1004" the|strong = "H3605" house|strong = "H1004", in|strong = "H1980" which|strong = "H4100" the|strong = "H3605" chosen|strong = "H3045" virgins were|strong = "H0802" kept|strong = "H6213", having a|strong = "H1980" care for|strong = "H1004" Esther's|strong = "H0635" welfare|strong = "H7965", and|strong = "H1980" desiring to|strong = "H1980" know|strong = "H3045" what|strong = "H4100" would|strong = "H4100" befall her|strong = "H3605". ¹² Now|strong = "H1961" when|strong = "H3588" every|strong = "H3117" virgin's turn|strong = "H1961" came|strong = "H0935" to|strong = "H0413" go|strong = "H0935" in|strong = "H0935" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3588" king|strong = "H4428", after|strong = "H7093" all|strong = "H3117" had|strong = "H1961" been|strong = "H1961" done|strong = "H1961" for|strong = "H3588" setting them|strong = "H0413" off|strong = "H4428" to|strong = "H0413" advantage, it|strong = "H3588" was|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H3588" twelfth month|strong = "H2320": so|strong = "H3651" that|strong = "H3588" for|strong = "H3588" six|strong = "H8337" months|strong = "H2320" they|strong = "H3588" were|strong = "H1961" anointed with|strong = "H4390" oil|strong = "H8081" of|strong = "H4428" myrrh|strong = "H4753", and|strong = "H0935" for|strong = "H3588" other|strong = "H8147" six|strong = "H8337" months|strong = "H2320" they|strong = "H3588" used|strong = "H1961" certain perfumes and|strong = "H0935" sweet|strong = "H1314"

spices" (H1314). ¹³ And" (H0935) when" (H0834) they" (H0834) were" (H0834) going" (H0935) in" (H0935) to" (H0413) the" (H3605) king" (H4428), whatsoever" (H3605) they" (H0834) asked" (H0559) to" (H0413) adorn themselves they" (H0834) received" (H0935): and" (H0935) being decked out" (H0413), as" (H0834) it" (H5414) pleased them" (H0413), they" (H0834) passed from" (H0935) the" (H3605) chamber of" (H4428) the" (H3605) women" (H0802) to" (H0413) the" (H3605) king's" (H4428) chamber. ¹⁴

And" (H0935) she" (H1931) that" (H3588) went" (H0935) in" (H0935) at" (H0413) evening" (H6153), came" (H0935) out" (H0413) in" (H0935) the" (H3588) morning" (H1242), and" (H0935) from" (H7725) thence she" (H1931) was" (H8034) conducted to" (H0413) the" (H3588) second" (H8145) house" (H1004), that" (H3588) was" (H8034) under" (H3027) the" (H3588) hand" (H3027) of" (H4428) Susagaz the" (H3588) eunuch" (H5631), who" (H1931) had" (H4428) the" (H3588) charge" (H3027) over" (H0413) the" (H3588) king's" (H4428) concubines" (H6370): neither" (H3808) could she" (H1931) return" (H7725) any" (H5750) more" (H5750) to" (H0413) the" (H3588) king" (H4428), unless" (H0518) the" (H3588) king" (H4428) desired" (H2654) it" (H1931), and" (H0935) had" (H4428) ordered her" (H0413) by" (H3027) name" (H8034) to" (H0413) come" (H0935). ¹⁵

And" (H0935) as" (H0834) the" (H3605) time" (H1961) came" (H0935) orderly about" (H1961), the" (H3605) day was" (H1961) at" (H0413) hand, when" (H3588) Esther" (H0635), the" (H3605) daughter" (H1323) of" (H4428) Abihail" (H0032) the" (H3605) brother of" (H4428) Mardochai, whom" (H0834) he" (H0834) had" (H0834) adopted for" (H3588) his" (H3605) daughter" (H1323), was" (H1961) to" (H0413) go" (H0935) in" (H0935) to" (H0413) the" (H3605) king" (H4428). But" (H3588) she" (H0834) sought" (H1245) not" (H3808) women's ornaments" (H8447), but" (H3588) whatsoever" (H3605) Egeus the" (H3605) eunuch" (H5631) the" (H3605) keeper" (H8104) of" (H4428) the" (H3605) virgins had" (H0834)

a|strong = "H1961" mind|strong = "H3808", he|strong = "H0834" gave|strong = "H0559" her|strong = "H3605" to|strong = "H0413" adorn her|strong = "H3605". For|strong = "H3588" she|strong = "H0834" was|strong = "H1961" exceeding fair, and|strong = "H0935" her|strong = "H3605" incredible beauty made|strong = "H1961" her|strong = "H3605" appear|strong = "H7200" agreeable and|strong = "H0935" amiable in|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H3605" eyes|strong = "H5869" of|strong = "H4428" all|strong = "H3605". ¹⁶ So|strong = "H3947" she|strong = "H1931" was|strong = "H1931" brought|strong = "H3947" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H0413" chamber of|strong = "H4428" king|strong = "H4428" Assuerus the|strong = "H0413" tenth|strong = "H6224" month|strong = "H2320", which|strong = "H1931" is|strong = "H1931" called 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 And|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" loved|strong = "H0157" her|strong = "H3605" more than|strong = "H4428" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" women|strong = "H0802", and|strong = "H4428" she|strong = "H0635" had|strong = "H4428" favour and|strong = "H4428" kindness|strong = "H2617" before|strong = "H6440" him|strong = "H0853" above|strong = "H6440" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" women|strong = "H0802", and|strong = "H4428" 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" Vasthi. ¹⁸ And|strong = "H3027" he|strong = "H6213" commanded a|strong = "H5414" magnificent|strong = "H1419" feast|strong = "H4960" to|strong = "H5414" be|strong = "H3027" prepared|strong = "H6213" for|strong = "H3027" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" princes|strong = "H8269", and|strong = "H3027" for|strong = "H3027" his|strong = "H3605" servants|strong = "H5650", for|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H3605" marriage and|strong = "H3027" wedding of|strong = "H4428" Esther|strong = "H0635". And|strong = "H3027" he|strong = "H6213" gave|strong = "H5414" rest to|strong = "H5414" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" provinces|strong = "H4082", and|strong = "H3027" bestowed|strong = "H5414" gifts|strong = "H4864" according|strong = "H3027" to|strong = "H5414" princely magnificence. ¹⁹ And|strong = "H4428" when|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H6908" virgins|strong = "H1330" were|strong = "H3427" sought the|strong = "H6908" second|strong = "H8145" time|strong = "H8145", and|strong = "H4428" gathered|strong = "H6908" together|strong = "H6908", Mardochai stayed|strong = "H3427" at|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H6908" king's|strong = "H4428" gate|strong = "H8179", ²⁰ Neither|strong = "H0369" had|strong = "H0834" Esther|strong = "H0635" as|strong = "H0834"

yet|strong="H0369" declared|strong="H5046" her|strong="H5046"
 country and|strong="H0853" people|strong="H5971",
 according|strong="H5921" to|strong="H1961" his|strong="H5921"
 commandment|strong="H6680". For|strong="H5921" whatsoever
 he|strong="H0834" commanded|strong="H6680", Esther|strong="H0635"
 observed|strong="H6213": and|strong="H0853" she|strong="H0834"
 did|strong="H6213" all things|strong="H1961" in|strong="H5921"
 the|strong="H0853" same|strong="H0853" manner as|strong="H0834"
 she|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0369" wont at|strong="H5921"
 that|strong="H0834" time|strong="H1961" when|strong="H1961"
 he|strong="H0834" brought|strong="H1961" her|strong="H5046"
 up|strong="H5921" a|strong="H1961" little one|strong="H0369". ²¹
 At|strong="H3427" that|strong="H3117" time|strong="H3117",
 therefore|strong="H7971", when|strong="H3117" Mardochai
 abode|strong="H3427" at|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3117"
 king's|strong="H4428" gate|strong="H8179", Bagathan
 and|strong="H3027" Thares, two|strong="H8147" of|strong="H4428"
 the|strong="H3117" king's|strong="H4428" eunuchs|strong="H5631",
 who|strong="H3427" were|strong="H1992" porters, and|strong="H3027"
 presided in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3117" first|strong="H3117"
 entry of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3117" palace,
 were|strong="H1992" angry|strong="H7107": and|strong="H3027"
 they|strong="H1992" designed to|strong="H7971" rise
 up|strong="H4428" against|strong="H3027" the|strong="H3117"
 king|strong="H4428", and|strong="H3027" to|strong="H7971" kill
 him|strong="H7971". ²² And|strong="H4428" Mardochai
 had|strong="H4428" notice|strong="H3045" of|strong="H4428"
 it|strong="H3045", and|strong="H4428" immediately he|strong="H0559"
 told|strong="H5046" it|strong="H3045" to|strong="H0559"
 queen|strong="H4436" Esther|strong="H0635": and|strong="H4428"
 she|strong="H0635" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559"
 king|strong="H4428" in|strong="H4428" Mardochai's
 name|strong="H8034", who|strong="H4428" had|strong="H4428"
 reported|strong="H5046" the|strong="H0559" thing|strong="H1697" unto
 her|strong="H5046". ²³ It|strong="H5921" was|strong="H4428"
 inquired|strong="H1245" into|strong="H5921", and|strong="H4428"
 found|strong="H4672" out|strong="H6440": and|strong="H4428"
 they|strong="H3117" were|strong="H3117" both|strong="H8147"
 hanged|strong="H8518" on|strong="H5921" a|strong="H4672" gibbet.
 And|strong="H4428" it|strong="H5921" was|strong="H4428" put
 in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440" histories, and|strong="H4428"
 recorded|strong="H3789" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H6440"
 chronicles|strong="H1697" before|strong="H6440" the|strong="H6440"
 king|strong="H4428".

3After these things, king Assuerus advanced Aman, the son of Amadathi, who was of the race of Agag: and he set his throne above all the princes that were of the king's servants, that the doors of the palace bent their knees, and worshipped Aman: for so the emperor had commanded them, only Mardochai did not bend his knee, nor worship him. ³ And the king's servants that were chief at the doors of the palace, said to him: "Why dost thou alone not observe the king's commandment?" ⁴ And he said when they were saying this often, and he would not hearken to them; they told Aman, desirous to know whether he would continue in his resolution: for he had told them that he would be a Jew. ⁵ Now when Aman had heard this, and had proved by experience that Mardochai did not bend his knee to him, nor worship him, he was exceeding angry. ⁶ And he counted it nothing to lay

his|strong = "H3605" hands|strong = "H3027" upon|strong = "H3027"
 Mardochai alone|strong = "H0905": for|strong = "H3588"
 he|strong = "H0834" had|strong = "H0834" heard|strong = "H3588"
 that|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" was|strong = "H0834"
 of|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H3605" nation|strong = "H5971"
 of|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064",
 and|strong = "H3027" he|strong = "H0834" chose rather|strong = "H3588"
 to|strong = "H7971" destroy|strong = "H8045" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" nation|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H3027"
 the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064" that|strong = "H0834"
 were|strong = "H0834" in|strong = "H5869" the|strong = "H3605"
 kingdom|strong = "H4438" of|strong = "H3027" Assuerus. ⁷
 In|strong = "H8141" the|strong = "H6440" first|strong = "H7223"
 month|strong = "H2320" (which|strong = "H1931" is|strong = "H1931" called
 Nisan|strong = "H5212") in|strong = "H8141" the|strong = "H6440" twelfth
 year|strong = "H8141" a|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H6440" reign|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H4428" Assuerus,
 the|strong = "H6440" lot|strong = "H1486" was|strong = "H1931"
 cast|strong = "H5307" into|strong = "H5307" an|strong = "H6440" urn,
 which|strong = "H1931" in|strong = "H8141" Hebrew is|strong = "H1931"
 called Phur, before|strong = "H6440" Aman, on|strong = "H3117" what
 day|strong = "H3117" and|strong = "H4428" what month|strong = "H2320"
 the|strong = "H6440" nation of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H6440" Jews
 should|strong = "H3117" be|strong = "H4428" destroyed:
 and|strong = "H4428" there came|strong = "H8141" out|strong = "H6440"
 the|strong = "H6440" twelfth month|strong = "H2320",
 which|strong = "H1931" is|strong = "H1931" called Adar|strong = "H0143".
⁸ And|strong = "H4428" Aman said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559"
 king|strong = "H4428" Assuerus: There|strong = "H0369" is|strong = "H0369"
 a|strong = "H0259" people|strong = "H5971" scattered|strong = "H6340"
 through|strong = "H3605" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 provinces|strong = "H4082" of|strong = "H4428" thy
 kingdom|strong = "H4438", and|strong = "H4428"
 separated|strong = "H6504" one|strong = "H0259" from|strong = "H6504"
 another|strong = "H0259", that|strong = "H3605" use new
 laws|strong = "H1881" and|strong = "H4428" ceremonies,
 and|strong = "H4428" moreover despise the|strong = "H3605"
 king's|strong = "H4428" ordinances: and|strong = "H4428" thou knowest
 very|strong = "H3240" well that|strong = "H3605" it|strong = "H6213"
 is|strong = "H0369" not|strong = "H0369" expedient for|strong = "H3605" thy
 kingdom|strong = "H4438" that|strong = "H3605" they|strong = "H0559"
 should|strong = "H0559" grow insolent by|strong = "H3605" impunity. ⁹
 If|strong = "H0518" it|strong = "H0518" please|strong = "H2895" thee, decree
 that|strong = "H3027" they|strong = "H0518" may|strong = "H6213"
 he|strong = "H0518" destroyed|strong = "H0006", and|strong = "H0935"
 I|strong = "H0518" will|strong = "H4428" pay|strong = "H8254"

ten|strong = "H6235" thousand|strong = "H0505" talents|strong = "H3603"
 to|strong = "H0413" thy treasurers. ¹⁰ And|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428" took|strong = "H5493"
 the|strong = "H0853" ring|strong = "H2885" that|strong = "H3027"
 he|strong = "H5414" used|strong = "H5414", from|strong = "H5493"
 his|strong = "H5414" own hand|strong = "H3027", and|strong = "H1121"
 gave|strong = "H5414" it|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H5921" Aman,
 the|strong = "H0853" son|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Amadathi
 of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H0853" race|strong = "H1121"
 of|strong = "H1121" Agag, the|strong = "H0853" enemy|strong = "H6887"
 of|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H0853" Jews|strong = "H3064", ¹¹
 And|strong = "H4428" he|strong = "H6213" said|strong = "H0559"
 to|strong = "H0559" him|strong = "H5414": As|strong = "H5414"
 to|strong = "H0559" the|strong = "H0559" money|strong = "H3701"
 which|strong = "H5869" thou promisest, keep|strong = "H6213"
 it|strong = "H5414" for|strong = "H4428" thyself: and|strong = "H4428"
 as|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H0559" the|strong = "H0559"
 people|strong = "H5971", do|strong = "H6213" with|strong = "H4428"
 them|strong = "H5414" as|strong = "H5414" seemeth good|strong = "H2896"
 to|strong = "H0559" thee. ¹² And|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605"
 king's|strong = "H4428" scribes|strong = "H5608" were|strong = "H0834"
 called|strong = "H7121" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605"
 first|strong = "H7223" month|strong = "H2320" Nisan, on|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H3605" thirteenth day|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H3605" same|strong = "H8034" month|strong = "H2320":
 and|strong = "H4428" they|strong = "H0834" wrote|strong = "H3789",
 as|strong = "H0834" Aman had|strong = "H0834"
 commanded|strong = "H6680", to|strong = "H0413" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428" lieutenants,
 and|strong = "H4428" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" judges
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" provinces|strong = "H4082",
 and|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428" divers nations|strong = "H5971",
 as|strong = "H0834" every|strong = "H3605" nation|strong = "H5971"
 could|strong = "H5971" read|strong = "H7121", and|strong = "H4428" hear
 according|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H0413" their|strong = "H3605"
 different languages|strong = "H3956", in|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H3605" name|strong = "H8034" of|strong = "H4428"
 king|strong = "H4428" Assuerus: and|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605"
 letters, sealed|strong = "H2856" with|strong = "H0413" his|strong = "H3605"
 ring|strong = "H2885", ¹³ Were|strong = "H0802" sent|strong = "H7971"
 by|strong = "H3027" the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428"
 messengers|strong = "H7323" to|strong = "H0413" all|strong = "H3605"
 provinces|strong = "H4082", to|strong = "H0413" kill|strong = "H2026"
 and|strong = "H3027" destroy|strong = "H8045" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|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", that|strong = "H3605" is|strong = "H1931", on|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605" thirteenth of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" twelfth month|strong = "H2320", which|strong = "H1931" is|strong = "H1931" called Adar|strong = "H0143", and|strong = "H3027" to|strong = "H0413" make|strong = "H0006" a|strong = "H7971" spoil|strong = "H7998" of|strong = "H4428" their|strong = "H3605" goods. ¹⁴ And|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605" contents of|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605" letters were|strong = "H1961" to|strong = "H1961" this|strong = "H2088" effect|strong = "H3117", that|strong = "H3605" all|strong = "H3605" provinces|strong = "H4082" might know and|strong = "H3117" be|strong = "H1961" ready|strong = "H6264" against|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H3605" day|strong = "H3117". ¹⁵ The|strong = "H5414" couriers|strong = "H7323" that|strong = "H1697" were|strong = "H1697" sent|strong = "H5414" made|strong = "H5414" haste to|strong = "H5414" fulfill the|strong = "H5414" king's|strong = "H4428" commandment|strong = "H1697". And|strong = "H4428" immediately the|strong = "H5414" edict|strong = "H1697" was|strong = "H4428" hung|strong = "H5414" up|strong = "H5414" in|strong = "H3427" Susan, the|strong = "H5414" king|strong = "H4428" and|strong = "H4428" Aman feasting|strong = "H8354" together, and|strong = "H4428" all|strong = "H1697" the|strong = "H5414" Jews that|strong = "H1697" were|strong = "H1697" in|strong = "H3427" the|strong = "H5414" city|strong = "H5892" weeping.

4Now|strong = "H1419" when|strong = "H0834" Mardochai had|strong = "H0834" heard these|strong = "H3605" things|strong = "H3605", he|strong = "H0834" rent his|strong = "H3605" garments|strong = "H0899", and|strong = "H1419" put|strong = "H3847" on|strong = "H3847" sackcloth|strong = "H8242", strewing ashes|strong = "H0665" on|strong = "H3847" his|strong = "H3605" head: and|strong = "H1419" he|strong = "H0834" cried|strong = "H2199" with|strong = "H3847" a|strong = "H0834" loud|strong = "H1419" voice|strong = "H2201" in|strong = "H3847" the|strong = "H3605" street in|strong = "H3847" the|strong = "H3605" midst|strong = "H8432" of|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" city|strong = "H5892", shewing the|strong = "H3605" anguish of|strong = "H3605" his|strong = "H3605" mind|strong = "H3045". ² And|strong = "H0935" he|strong = "H3588" came|strong = "H0935" lamenting in|strong = "H0935" this|strong = "H3588" manner even|strong = "H5704" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H6440" gate|strong = "H8179" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H6440" palace: for|strong = "H3588" no|strong = "H0369" one|strong = "H0369" clothed|strong = "H3830" with|strong = "H0413" sackcloth|strong = "H8242"

might enter|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H6440" king's|strong = "H4428"
 court|strong = "H8179". ³ And|strong = "H4428" in|strong = "H4428"
 all|strong = "H3605" provinces|strong = "H4082", towns,
 and|strong = "H4428" places|strong = "H4725", to|strong = "H1697"
 which|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428" cruel
 edict|strong = "H1697" was|strong = "H0834" come|strong = "H5060",
 there|strong = "H3605" was|strong = "H0834" great|strong = "H1419"
 mourning|strong = "H0060" among the|strong = "H3605"
 Jews|strong = "H3064", with|strong = "H1697" fasting|strong = "H6685",
 wailing|strong = "H4553", and|strong = "H4428" weeping|strong = "H1065",
 many|strong = "H7227" using sackcloth|strong = "H8242"
 and|strong = "H4428" ashes|strong = "H0665" for|strong = "H3605"
 their|strong = "H3605" bed|strong = "H3331". ⁴ Then|strong = "H0853"
 Esther's|strong = "H0635" maids|strong = "H5291" and|strong = "H0935"
 her|strong = "H7971" eunuchs|strong = "H5631" went|strong = "H0935"
 in|strong = "H5921", and|strong = "H0935" told|strong = "H5046"
 her|strong = "H7971". And|strong = "H0935" when|strong = "H0935"
 she|strong = "H0635" heard|strong = "H5046" it|strong = "H5921"
 she|strong = "H0635" was|strong = "H5291" in|strong = "H5921"
 a|strong = "H0935" consternation: and|strong = "H0935"
 she|strong = "H0635" sent|strong = "H7971" a|strong = "H0935"
 garment|strong = "H0899", to|strong = "H0935" clothe|strong = "H3847"
 him|strong = "H5921", and|strong = "H0935" to|strong = "H0935"
 take|strong = "H5493" away|strong = "H5493" the|strong = "H0853"
 sackcloth|strong = "H8242": but|strong = "H3808" he|strong = "H3808"
 would|strong = "H5291" not|strong = "H3808" receive|strong = "H6901"
 it|strong = "H5921". ⁵ And|strong = "H4428" she|strong = "H0834"
 called|strong = "H7121" for|strong = "H5921" Athach the|strong = "H6440"
 eunuch|strong = "H5631", whom|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H6440"
 king|strong = "H4428" had|strong = "H0834" appointed|strong = "H5975"
 to|strong = "H5921" attend|strong = "H6440" upon|strong = "H5921"
 her|strong = "H5921", and|strong = "H4428" she|strong = "H0834"
 commanded|strong = "H6680" him|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H5921" go
 to|strong = "H5921" Mardochai, and|strong = "H4428"
 learn|strong = "H3045" of|strong = "H4428" him|strong = "H5921"
 why|strong = "H4100" he|strong = "H0834" did|strong = "H4100"
 this|strong = "H2088". ⁶ And|strong = "H4428" Athach
 going|strong = "H3318" out|strong = "H3318" went|strong = "H3318"
 to|strong = "H0413" Mardochai, who|strong = "H0834" was|strong = "H0834"
 standing in|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H6440" street|strong = "H7339"
 of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H6440" city|strong = "H5892",
 before|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H6440" palace gate|strong = "H8179":
⁷ And|strong = "H4428" Mardochai told|strong = "H5046"
 him|strong = "H5921" all|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H0834"
 had|strong = "H0834" happened|strong = "H7136", how|strong = "H0834"
 Aman had|strong = "H0834" promised|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559"

pay|strong = "H8254" money|strong = "H3701" into|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428" treasures, to|strong = "H0559"
 have|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064"
 destroyed|strong = "H0006". ⁸ He|strong = "H0834" gave|strong = "H5414"
 him|strong = "H0413" also|strong = "H0853" a|strong = "H5414"
 copy|strong = "H6572" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853"
 edict|strong = "H1881" which|strong = "H0834" was|strong = "H0834"
 hanging|strong = "H5414" up|strong = "H7200" in|strong = "H5921" Susan,
 that|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" should|strong = "H0413" shew
 it|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H0853" queen,
 and|strong = "H0935" admonish her|strong = "H0413" to|strong = "H0413"
 go|strong = "H0935" in|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H0413"
 the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428", and|strong = "H0935"
 to|strong = "H0413" entreat him|strong = "H0413" for|strong = "H5921"
 her|strong = "H0413" people|strong = "H5971". ⁹ And|strong = "H0935"
 Athach went|strong = "H0935" back|strong = "H0935" and|strong = "H0935"
 told|strong = "H5046" Esther|strong = "H0635" all|strong = "H1697"
 that|strong = "H1697" Mardochai had|strong = "H4782"
 said|strong = "H1697". ¹⁰ She|strong = "H0635" answered|strong = "H0559"
 him|strong = "H0413", and|strong = "H0559" bade him|strong = "H0413"
 say|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0413" Mardochai: ¹¹
 All|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428"
 servants|strong = "H5650", and|strong = "H0935" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" provinces|strong = "H4082" that|strong = "H0834"
 are|strong = "H0834" under|strong = "H0935" his|strong = "H3605"
 dominion, know|strong = "H3045", that|strong = "H0834" whosoever,
 whether man|strong = "H0376" or|strong = "H3808"
 woman|strong = "H0802", cometh into|strong = "H0413"
 the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428" inner|strong = "H6442"
 court|strong = "H2691", who|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834"
 not|strong = "H3808" called|strong = "H7121" for|strong = "H7121",
 is|strong = "H0834" immediately to|strong = "H0413" be|strong = "H4191"
 put|strong = "H4191" to|strong = "H0413" death|strong = "H4191"
 without|strong = "H3808" any|strong = "H3605" delay:
 except|strong = "H3808" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428"
 shall|strong = "H0376" hold out|strong = "H3045" the|strong = "H3605"
 golden|strong = "H2091" sceptre to|strong = "H0413" him|strong = "H0413",
 in|strong = "H0935" token of|strong = "H4428" clemency,
 that|strong = "H0834" so|strong = "H7121" he|strong = "H0834"
 may|strong = "H0376" live|strong = "H2421". How|strong = "H0834"
 then|strong = "H2088" can|strong = "H0834" I|strong = "H0589"
 go|strong = "H0935" in|strong = "H0935" to|strong = "H0413"
 the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428", who|strong = "H0834"
 for|strong = "H7121" these|strong = "H2088" thirty|strong = "H7970"
 days|strong = "H3117" now|strong = "H3117" have|strong = "H0834"
 not|strong = "H3808" been|strong = "H0834" called|strong = "H7121" unto

him|strong = "H0413"? ¹² And|strong = "H1697" when Mardochai
 had|strong = "H4782" heard|strong = "H5046" this|strong = "H1697", ¹³
 He|strong = "H1004" sent|strong = "H7725" word|strong = "H0559"
 to|strong = "H0413" Esther|strong = "H0635" again|strong = "H7725",
 saying|strong = "H0559": Think|strong = "H0559" not|strong = "H0408"
 that|strong = "H3605" thou mayst save|strong = "H4422" thy
 life|strong = "H5315" only|strong = "H3605", because|strong = "H0413" thou
 art in|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428"
 a|strong = "H1819" house|strong = "H1004", more|strong = "H5315"
 than|strong = "H4428" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 Jews|strong = "H3064": ¹⁴ For|strong = "H3588" if|strong = "H0518" thou
 wilt now|strong = "H3588" hold|strong = "H1004" thy peace,
 the|strong = "H3588" Jews|strong = "H3064" shall|strong = "H1004"
 be|strong = "H0001" delivered by|strong = "H3588" some|strong = "H4725"
 other|strong = "H0312" occasion: and|strong = "H1004" thou,
 and|strong = "H1004" thy father's|strong = "H0001" house|strong = "H1004"
 shall|strong = "H1004" perish|strong = "H0006". And|strong = "H1004"
 who|strong = "H4310" knoweth whether|strong = "H0518" thou art
 not|strong = "H0518" therefore|strong = "H3045" come|strong = "H5060"
 to|strong = "H6256" the|strong = "H3588" kingdom|strong = "H4438",
 that|strong = "H3588" thou mightest be|strong = "H0001" ready
 in|strong = "H1004" such|strong = "H2063" a|strong = "H3588"
 time|strong = "H6256" as|strong = "H3588" this|strong = "H2063"? ¹⁵
 And|strong = "H7725" again|strong = "H7725" Esther|strong = "H0635"
 sent|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H0413" Mardochai in|strong = "H0413"
 these words: ¹⁶ Go|strong = "H0935", and|strong = "H0935"
 gather|strong = "H3664" together|strong = "H5921" all|strong = "H3605"
 the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064" whom|strong = "H0834" thou
 shalt find|strong = "H4672" in|strong = "H5921" Susan, and|strong = "H0935"
 pray ye for|strong = "H5921" me|strong = "H0413". Neither|strong = "H3808"
 eat|strong = "H0398" nor|strong = "H3808" drink|strong = "H8354"
 for|strong = "H5921" three|strong = "H7969" days|strong = "H3117"
 and|strong = "H0935" three|strong = "H7969" nights|strong = "H3915":
 and|strong = "H0935" I|strong = "H0589" with|strong = "H0413"
 my|strong = "H3605" handmaids will|strong = "H0834" fast|strong = "H6684"
 in|strong = "H5921" like|strong = "H3651" manner|strong = "H3651",
 and|strong = "H0935" then|strong = "H0853" I|strong = "H0589"
 will|strong = "H0834" go|strong = "H0935" in|strong = "H5921"
 to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428",
 against|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" law|strong = "H1881",
 not|strong = "H3808" being|strong = "H0006" called, and|strong = "H0935"
 expose myself|strong = "H0589" to|strong = "H0413" death
 and|strong = "H0935" to|strong = "H0413" danger. ¹⁷ So|strong = "H6213"
 Mardochai went, and|strong = "H3605" did|strong = "H6213"
 all|strong = "H3605" that|strong = "H0834" Esther|strong = "H0635"
 had|strong = "H0834" commanded|strong = "H6680" him|strong = "H5921".

5And|strong="H4428" 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" apparel|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", over|strong="H5921" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" king's|strong="H4428" hall|strong="H1004": now|strong="H1961" he|strong="H3117" sat|strong="H3427" upon|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" throne|strong="H3678" in|strong="H3427" the|strong="H5921" hall|strong="H1004" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H5921" palace|strong="H1004", over|strong="H5921" against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" door|strong="H6607" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H5921" house|strong="H1004". ²

And|strong="H3027" when|strong="H1961" he|strong="H0834" saw|strong="H7200" Esther|strong="H0635" the|strong="H0853" queen|strong="H4436" standing|strong="H5975", she|strong="H0834" pleased|strong="H5869" his|strong="H5375" eyes|strong="H5869", and|strong="H3027" he|strong="H0834" held|strong="H1961" out|strong="H7200" toward|strong="H3027" her|strong="H7200" the|strong="H0853" golden|strong="H2091" sceptre, which|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" held|strong="H1961" in|strong="H4428" his|strong="H5375" hand|strong="H3027": and|strong="H3027" she|strong="H0834" drew|strong="H7126" near|strong="H7126", and|strong="H3027" kissed the|strong="H0853" top|strong="H7218" of|strong="H4428" his|strong="H5375" sceptre. ³

And|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" her|strong="H5414": What|strong="H4100" wilt then|strong="H5414", queen|strong="H4436" Esther|strong="H0635"? what|strong="H4100" is|strong="H4100" thy request|strong="H1246"? if thou shouldst even|strong="H5704" ask|strong="H0559" one|strong="H4428" half|strong="H2677" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0559" kingdom|strong="H4438", it|strong="H5414" shall|strong="H4428" be|strong="H4428" given|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0559" thee. ⁴ But|strong="H0518" she|strong="H0834" answered|strong="H0559": If|strong="H0518" it|strong="H0518" please|strong="H2895" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428". I|strong="H0834" beseech thee to|strong="H0413" come|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0413" me|strong="H0413" this|strong="H0834" day|strong="H3117", and|strong="H0935" Aman with|strong="H0413" thee to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H0559" banquet|strong="H4960" which|strong="H0834" I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" prepared|strong="H6213". ⁵ And|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" said|strong="H0559" forthwith: Call|strong="H0559" ye Aman quickly|strong="H4116",

that|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" may|strong = "H0834"
obey|strong = "H6213" Esther's|strong = "H0635" will|strong = "H0834".
So|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428"
and|strong = "H0935" Aman came|strong = "H0935" to|strong = "H0413"
the|strong = "H0853" banquet|strong = "H4960" which|strong = "H0834"
the|strong = "H0853" queen had|strong = "H0834"
prepared|strong = "H6213" for|strong = "H0413" them|strong = "H0413". ⁶
And|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0559" king|strong = "H4428"
said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559" her|strong = "H5414",
after|strong = "H5704" he|strong = "H5704" had|strong = "H4428"
drunk|strong = "H3196" wine|strong = "H3196" plentifully:
What|strong = "H4100" dost thou desire should|strong = "H4100"
be|strong = "H4428" given|strong = "H5414" thee? and|strong = "H4428"
for|strong = "H4960" what|strong = "H4100" thing|strong = "H7596" askest
thou? although|strong = "H0559" thou shouldst ask|strong = "H0559"
the|strong = "H0559" half|strong = "H2677" of|strong = "H4428"
my|strong = "H5414" kingdom|strong = "H4438", thou shalt
have|strong = "H5414" it|strong = "H5414". ⁷ And|strong = "H0559"
Esther|strong = "H0635" answered|strong = "H0559": My|strong = "H0559"
petition|strong = "H7596" and|strong = "H0559" request|strong = "H1246"
is|strong = "H0559" this: ⁸ If|strong = "H0518" I|strong = "H0834"
have|strong = "H0834" found|strong = "H4672" favour in|strong = "H5921"
the|strong = "H0853" king's|strong = "H4428" sight|strong = "H5869",
and|strong = "H0935" if|strong = "H0518" it|strong = "H5414"
please|strong = "H2895" the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428"
to|strong = "H0413" give|strong = "H5414" me|strong = "H0413"
what|strong = "H0834" I|strong = "H0834" ask|strong = "H4428",
and|strong = "H0935" to|strong = "H0413" fulfill my|strong = "H5414"
petition|strong = "H7596": let|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H0853"
king|strong = "H4428" and|strong = "H0935" Aman come|strong = "H0935"
to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H0853" banquet|strong = "H4960"
which|strong = "H0834" I|strong = "H0834" have|strong = "H0834"
prepared|strong = "H6213" them|strong = "H0413", and|strong = "H0935"
tomorrow|strong = "H4279" I|strong = "H0834" will|strong = "H0834" open
my|strong = "H5414" mind to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H0853"
king|strong = "H4428". ⁹ So|strong = "H4480" Aman went|strong = "H3318"
out|strong = "H3318" that|strong = "H3117" day|strong = "H3117"
joyful|strong = "H8056" and|strong = "H6965" merry. And|strong = "H6965"
when|strong = "H3117" he|strong = "H1931" saw|strong = "H7200"
Mardochai sitting before|strong = "H4480" the|strong = "H0853"
gate|strong = "H8179" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853" palace,
and|strong = "H6965" that|strong = "H3117" he|strong = "H1931"
not|strong = "H3808" only did|strong = "H3808" not|strong = "H3808"
rise|strong = "H6965" up|strong = "H6965" to|strong = "H5921" honour
him|strong = "H5921", but|strong = "H3808" did|strong = "H3808"
not|strong = "H3808" so|strong = "H4480" much|strong = "H5921"

as|strong = "H3117" move from|strong = "H4480" the|strong = "H0853" place where|strong = "H3808" he|strong = "H1931" sat, he|strong = "H1931" was|strong = "H1931" exceedingly angry|strong = "H2534": ¹⁰

But|strong = "H0935" dissembling his|strong = "H7971" anger, and|strong = "H0935" returning into|strong = "H0413" his|strong = "H7971" house|strong = "H1004", he|strong = "H0853" called together to|strong = "H0413" him|strong = "H0413" his|strong = "H7971" friends|strong = "H0157", and|strong = "H0935" Zares his|strong = "H7971" wife|strong = "H0802": ¹¹ And|strong = "H1121" he|strong = "H0834" declared|strong = "H5608" to|strong = "H5921" them|strong = "H1992" the|strong = "H3605" greatness|strong = "H7230" of|strong = "H1121" his|strong = "H3605" riches|strong = "H6239", and|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H3605" multitude|strong = "H7230" of|strong = "H1121" his|strong = "H3605" children|strong = "H1121", and|strong = "H1121" with|strong = "H5921" how|strong = "H0834" great|strong = "H1431" glory|strong = "H3519" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428" had|strong = "H0834" advanced|strong = "H5375" him|strong = "H5921" above|strong = "H5921" all|strong = "H3605" his|strong = "H3605" princes|strong = "H8269" and|strong = "H1121" servants|strong = "H5650".

¹² And|strong = "H0935" after|strong = "H0413" this|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H0834" said|strong = "H0559": Queen|strong = "H4436" Esther|strong = "H0635" also|strong = "H1571" hath invited|strong = "H7121" no|strong = "H3808" other to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H0853" banquet|strong = "H4960" with|strong = "H5973" the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428", but|strong = "H3588" me|strong = "H0413": and|strong = "H0935" with|strong = "H5973" her|strong = "H0413" I|strong = "H0589" am|strong = "H0589" also|strong = "H1571" to|strong = "H0413" dine tomorrow|strong = "H4279" with|strong = "H5973" the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428": ¹³

And|strong = "H4428" whereas I|strong = "H0589" have|strong = "H0834" all|strong = "H3605" these|strong = "H2088" things|strong = "H3605", I|strong = "H0589" think|strong = "H7200" I|strong = "H0589" have|strong = "H0834" nothing|strong = "H0369", so|strong = "H0834" long as|strong = "H0834" I|strong = "H0589" see|strong = "H7200" Mardochai the|strong = "H3605" Jew|strong = "H3064" sitting|strong = "H3427" before the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428" gate|strong = "H8179". ¹⁴

Then|strong = "H0853" Zares his|strong = "H3605" wife|strong = "H0802", and|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H3605" rest of|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H3605" friends|strong = "H0157" answered|strong = "H0559" him|strong = "H0413": Order|strong = "H0559" a|strong = "H0935" great beam to|strong = "H0413" be|strong = "H1697" prepared|strong = "H6213", fifty|strong = "H2572" cubits|strong = "H0520" 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", that|strong = "H3605" Mardochai may|strong = "H6213" be|strong = "H1697"

hanged|strong = "H8518" upon|strong = "H5921" it|strong = "H5921",
 and|strong = "H0935" so|strong = "H6213" thou shalt go|strong = "H0935"
 full|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H4428" joy|strong = "H5921"
 with|strong = "H5973" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428"
 to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" banquet|strong = "H4960".
 The|strong = "H3605" counsel|strong = "H1697" pleased|strong = "H3190"
 him|strong = "H0413", and|strong = "H0935" he|strong = "H6213"
 commanded|strong = "H0559" a|strong = "H0935" high|strong = "H1364"
 gibbet to|strong = "H0413" be|strong = "H1697" prepared|strong = "H6213".

6That|strong = "H3117" night|strong = "H3915" the|strong = "H0853"
 king|strong = "H4428" passed|strong = "H1961" without
 sleep|strong = "H8142", and|strong = "H0935" he|strong = "H1931"
 commanded|strong = "H0559" the|strong = "H0853" histories
 and|strong = "H0935" chronicles|strong = "H1697" of|strong = "H4428"
 former|strong = "H6440" times|strong = "H3117" to|strong = "H0559"
 be|strong = "H1961" brought|strong = "H0935" him|strong = "H0853".
 And|strong = "H0935" when|strong = "H1961" they|strong = "H3117"
 were|strong = "H1961" reading|strong = "H7121" them|strong = "H0853"
 before|strong = "H6440" him|strong = "H0853", ² They|strong = "H0834"
 came|strong = "H4672" to|strong = "H5921" that|strong = "H0834"
 place|strong = "H3027" where|strong = "H0834" it|strong = "H5921"
 was|strong = "H0834" written|strong = "H3789", how|strong = "H0834"
 Mardochai had|strong = "H0834" discovered|strong = "H4672"
 the|strong = "H0834" treason of|strong = "H4428" Bagathan
 and|strong = "H3027" Thares the|strong = "H0834"
 eunuchs|strong = "H5631", who|strong = "H0834" sought|strong = "H1245"
 to|strong = "H5921" kill king|strong = "H4428" Assuerus. ³
 And|strong = "H4428" when|strong = "H6213" the|strong = "H0559"
 king|strong = "H4428" heard this|strong = "H2088", he|strong = "H6213"
 said|strong = "H0559": What|strong = "H4100" honour and|strong = "H4428"
 reward hath Mardochai received|strong = "H5921" for|strong = "H5921"
 this|strong = "H2088" fidelity? His|strong = "H5921"
 servants|strong = "H5288" and|strong = "H4428" ministers|strong = "H8334"
 said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559" him|strong = "H5921":
 He|strong = "H6213" hath received|strong = "H5921" no|strong = "H3808"
 reward at|strong = "H5921" all|strong = "H1697". ⁴ And|strong = "H0935"
 the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428" said|strong = "H0559"
 immediately: Who|strong = "H0834" is|strong = "H0834" in|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H0853" court|strong = "H2691"? for|strong = "H5921" Aman
 was|strong = "H0834" coming|strong = "H0935" in|strong = "H5921"
 to|strong = "H0559" the|strong = "H0853" inner|strong = "H1004"
 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", that|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" might|strong="H0834" order|strong="H0559" Mardochai to|strong="H0559" be|strong="H4428" hanged|strong="H8518" upon|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" gibbet which|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" prepared|strong="H3559" for|strong="H5921" him|strong="H5921". ⁵ The|strong="H0559" servants|strong="H5288" answered|strong="H0559": Aman standeth in|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559" court|strong="H2691", and|strong="H0935" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" said|strong="H0559": Let him|strong="H0413" come|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935". ⁶ And|strong="H0935" when|strong="H0834" he|strong="H0834" was|strong="H0834" come|strong="H0935" in|strong="H0935", he|strong="H0834" said|strong="H0559" to|strong="H0559" him|strong="H0935": What|strong="H4100" ought to|strong="H0559" be|strong="H0376" done|strong="H6213" to|strong="H0559" the|strong="H0559" man|strong="H0376" whom|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" is|strong="H0834" desirous to|strong="H0559" honour? But|strong="H0376" Aman thinking|strong="H0559" in|strong="H0935" his|strong="H0834" heart|strong="H3820", and|strong="H0935" supposing that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" would|strong="H4310" honour no|strong="H4480" other|strong="H0376" but|strong="H0376" himself|strong="H3820", ⁷ Answered|strong="H0559": The|strong="H0559" man|strong="H0376" whom|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0559" king|strong="H4428" desireth to|strong="H0413" honour, ⁸ Ought to|strong="H0935" be|strong="H4428" clothed|strong="H3847" with|strong="H3847" the|strong="H0834" king's|strong="H4428" apparel|strong="H3830", and|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" be|strong="H4428" set|strong="H5414" upon|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" horse|strong="H5483" that|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" king|strong="H4428" rideth upon|strong="H5921", and|strong="H0935" to|strong="H0935" have|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0834" royal|strong="H4438" crown|strong="H3804" upon|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5414" head|strong="H7218", ⁹ And|strong="H3027" let|strong="H5414" the|strong="H0853" first|strong="H6440" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" king's|strong="H4428" princes|strong="H8269" and|strong="H3027" nobles|strong="H6579" hold|strong="H5414" his|strong="H5414" horse|strong="H5483", and|strong="H3027" going through|strong="H3027" the|strong="H0853" street|strong="H7339" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H0853" city|strong="H5892", proclaim|strong="H7121" before|strong="H6440" him|strong="H5414" and|strong="H3027" say: Thus|strong="H3602" shall|strong="H0376" he|strong="H0834" be|strong="H0376" honoured, whom|strong="H0834" the|strong="H0853" king|strong="H4428" hath a|strong="H5414" mind|strong="H6440" to|strong="H5921" honour. ¹⁰

And|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428"
 said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559" him|strong = "H0853":
 Make|strong = "H6213" haste|strong = "H4116" and|strong = "H4428"
 take|strong = "H3947" the|strong = "H3605" robe|strong = "H3830"
 and|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" horse|strong = "H5483",
 and|strong = "H4428" do|strong = "H6213" as|strong = "H0834" thou hast
 spoken|strong = "H1696" to|strong = "H0559" Mardochai
 the|strong = "H3605" Jew|strong = "H3064", who|strong = "H0834" sitteth
 before the|strong = "H3605" gates|strong = "H8179" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H3605" palace. Beware thou pass over|strong = "H5307"
 any|strong = "H3605" of|strong = "H4428" those|strong = "H3605"
 things|strong = "H1697" which|strong = "H0834" thou hast
 spoken|strong = "H1696". ¹¹ So|strong = "H6213" Aman
 took|strong = "H3947" the|strong = "H0853" robe|strong = "H3830"
 and|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853" horse|strong = "H5483",
 and|strong = "H4428" arraying Mardochai in|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H0853" street|strong = "H7339" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H0853" city|strong = "H5892", and|strong = "H4428" setting
 him|strong = "H0853" on|strong = "H3847" the|strong = "H0853"
 horse|strong = "H5483", went|strong = "H0376" before|strong = "H6440"
 him|strong = "H0853", and|strong = "H4428" proclaimed|strong = "H7121":
 This|strong = "H3602" honour is|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834"
 worthy of|strong = "H4428", whom|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H0853"
 king|strong = "H4428" hath a|strong = "H3947" mind|strong = "H6440"
 to|strong = "H0376" honour. ¹² But|strong = "H4428" Mardochai
 returned|strong = "H7725" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H0413"
 palace|strong = "H1004" gate|strong = "H8179": and|strong = "H4428" Aman
 made|strong = "H7725" haste to|strong = "H0413" go|strong = "H7725"
 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
 And|strong = "H0802" he|strong = "H0834" told|strong = "H0559" Zares
 his|strong = "H3605" wife|strong = "H0802", and|strong = "H0802"
 his|strong = "H3605" friends|strong = "H0157", all|strong = "H3605"
 that|strong = "H0834" had|strong = "H0834" befallen him|strong = "H0853".
 And|strong = "H0802" the|strong = "H3605" wise|strong = "H2450"
 men|strong = "H2450" whom|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834"
 had|strong = "H0834" in|strong = "H0802" counsel, and|strong = "H0802"
 his|strong = "H3605" wife|strong = "H0802" answered|strong = "H0559"
 him|strong = "H0853": If|strong = "H0518" Mardochai be|strong = "H3808"
 of|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H3605" seed|strong = "H2233"
 of|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064",
 before|strong = "H6440" whom|strong = "H0834" thou hast
 begun|strong = "H2490" to|strong = "H0559" fall|strong = "H5307", thou
 canst not|strong = "H3808" resist him|strong = "H0853",
 but|strong = "H3588" thou shalt fall|strong = "H5307" in|strong = "H0802"

his|strong = "H3605" sight|strong = "H6440". ¹⁴ As|strong = "H0834" they|strong = "H0834" were|strong = "H0834" yet|strong = "H5750" speaking|strong = "H1696", the|strong = "H0853" king's|strong = "H4428" eunuchs|strong = "H5631" came|strong = "H0935", and|strong = "H0935" compelled him|strong = "H0413" to|strong = "H0413" go|strong = "H0935" quickly|strong = "H0926" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H0853" banquet|strong = "H4960" which|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H0853" queen had|strong = "H0834" prepared|strong = "H6213".

7So|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H0935" king|strong = "H4428" and|strong = "H0935" Aman went|strong = "H0935" in|strong = "H0935", to|strong = "H0935" drink|strong = "H8354" with|strong = "H5973" the|strong = "H0935" queen|strong = "H4436". ² And|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0559" king|strong = "H4428" said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559" her|strong = "H5414" again|strong = "H8145" the|strong = "H0559" second|strong = "H8145" day|strong = "H3117", after|strong = "H3117" he|strong = "H5704" was|strong = "H4428" warm with|strong = "H3117" wine|strong = "H3196": What|strong = "H4100" is|strong = "H4100" thy petition|strong = "H7596", Esther|strong = "H0635", that|strong = "H3117" it|strong = "H5414" may|strong = "H1571" be|strong = "H1571" granted|strong = "H5414" thee? and|strong = "H4428" what|strong = "H4100" wilt thou have|strong = "H1571" done|strong = "H6213": although|strong = "H0559" thou ask|strong = "H0559" the|strong = "H0559" half|strong = "H2677" of|strong = "H4428" my|strong = "H5414" kingdom|strong = "H4438", thou shalt have|strong = "H1571" it|strong = "H5414". ³ Then|strong = "H6030" she|strong = "H0518" answered|strong = "H0559": If|strong = "H0518" I|strong = "H0518" have|strong = "H5869" found|strong = "H4672" Favour in|strong = "H5921" thy sight|strong = "H5869", O|strong = "H5315" king|strong = "H4428", and|strong = "H4428" if|strong = "H0518" it|strong = "H5414" please|strong = "H2895" thee, give|strong = "H5414" me|strong = "H5414" my|strong = "H5414" life|strong = "H5315" for|strong = "H5921" which|strong = "H5869" I|strong = "H0518" ask|strong = "H0559", and|strong = "H4428" my|strong = "H5414" people|strong = "H5971" for|strong = "H5921" which|strong = "H5869" I|strong = "H0518" request|strong = "H1246". ⁴ For|strong = "H3588" we|strong = "H3588" are|strong = "H5650" given|strong = "H5650" up|strong = "H4428", 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". And|strong = "H4428" would|strong = "H8198" God|strong = "H0369" we|strong = "H3588" were|strong = "H5650" sold|strong = "H4376" for|strong = "H3588" bondmen and|strong = "H4428" bondwomen: the|strong = "H3588" evil might

be borne with, and, and
 I would have mourned
 in silence: but now
 we have an enemy,
 whose cruelty redoundeth upon the
 king. ⁵ And king
 Assuerus answered and
 said: Who is
 this, and of
 what power, that he
 should do these
 things? ⁶ And Esther
 said: It is
 this Aman that is
 our adversary and most
 wicked enemy. Aman hearing
 this was forthwith astonished,
 not being able to bear
 the countenance of
 the king and
 of the queen. ⁷
 But the king
 being angry rose
 up, and went
 from the place
 of the banquet
 into the garden
 set with trees. Aman
 also rose up
 to entreat Esther the
 queen for his
 life, for he understood
 that evil was
 prepared for him
 by the king. ⁸
 And when the
 king came back
 out of the
 garden set with
 trees, and entered
 the place of
 the banquet, he
 found Aman was fallen
 upon the bed
 on which Esther
 lay, and he

said|strong = "H0559": He|strong = "H0834" will|strong = "H0834" force the|strong = "H0853" queen|strong = "H4436" also|strong = "H1571" in|strong = "H5921" my|strong = "H5921" presence|strong = "H6440", in|strong = "H5921" my|strong = "H5921" own|strong = "H6440" house|strong = "H1004". The|strong = "H0853" word|strong = "H1697" was|strong = "H0834" not|strong = "H1571" yet|strong = "H1571" gone|strong = "H3318" out|strong = "H3318" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853" king's|strong = "H4428" mouth|strong = "H6310", and|strong = "H4428" immediately they|strong = "H0834" covered|strong = "H2645" his|strong = "H5921" face|strong = "H6440". ⁹ And|strong = "H4428" Harbona|strong = "H2726", one|strong = "H0259" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0559" eunuchs|strong = "H5631" that|strong = "H0834" stood|strong = "H5975" waiting on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0559" king|strong = "H4428", said|strong = "H0559": Behold|strong = "H2009" the|strong = "H0559" gibbet which|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" hath prepared|strong = "H6213" for|strong = "H5921" Mardochai, who|strong = "H0834" spoke|strong = "H1696" for|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0559" king|strong = "H4428", standeth in|strong = "H5921" Aman's house|strong = "H1004", being fifty|strong = "H2572" cubits|strong = "H0520" high|strong = "H1364". And|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0559" king|strong = "H4428" said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559" him|strong = "H5921": Hang|strong = "H8518" him|strong = "H5921" upon|strong = "H5921" it|strong = "H5921". ¹⁰ So|strong = "H0834" Aman was|strong = "H0834" hanged|strong = "H8518" on|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0853" gibbet, which|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" had|strong = "H0834" prepared|strong = "H3559" for|strong = "H5921" Mardochai: and|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853" king's|strong = "H4428" wrath|strong = "H2534" ceased.

⁸ On|strong = "H3117" that|strong = "H3588" day|strong = "H3117" king|strong = "H4428" Assuerus gave|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H0853" house|strong = "H1004" of|strong = "H4428" Aman, the|strong = "H0853" Jews'|strong = "H3064" enemy|strong = "H6887", to|strong = "H0935" queen|strong = "H4436" Esther|strong = "H0635", and|strong = "H0935" Mardochai came|strong = "H0935" in|strong = "H0935" before|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428". For|strong = "H3588" Esther|strong = "H0635" had|strong = "H4428" confessed to|strong = "H0935" him|strong = "H5414" that|strong = "H3588" he|strong = "H1931" was|strong = "H1931" her|strong = "H5046" uncle. ² And|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428" took|strong = "H5493" the|strong = "H0853" ring|strong = "H2885" which|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" had|strong = "H0834" commanded to|strong = "H5921" be|strong = "H4428" taken|strong = "H5493" again from|strong = "H5493" Aman,

and|strong = "H4428" gave|strong = "H5414" it|strong = "H7760"
to|strong = "H5921" Mardochai. And|strong = "H4428"
Esther|strong = "H0635" set|strong = "H7760" Mardochai
over|strong = "H5921" her|strong = "H5921" house|strong = "H1004". ³
And|strong = "H4428" not|strong = "H3254" content with|strong = "H5921"
these|strong = "H1696" things|strong = "H0834", she|strong = "H0834"
fell|strong = "H5307" down|strong = "H5307" at|strong = "H5921"
the|strong = "H0853" king's|strong = "H4428" feet|strong = "H7272"
and|strong = "H4428" wept|strong = "H1058", and|strong = "H4428"
speaking|strong = "H1696" to|strong = "H1696" him|strong = "H5921"
besought him|strong = "H5921", that|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834"
would|strong = "H0834" give|strong = "H3254" orders that|strong = "H0834"
the|strong = "H0853" malice of|strong = "H4428" Aman the|strong = "H0853"
Agagite|strong = "H0091", and|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H5921"
most|strong = "H4428" wicked|strong = "H7451" devices
which|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" had|strong = "H0834"
invented|strong = "H4284" against|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H0853"
Jews|strong = "H3064", should be|strong = "H3254" of|strong = "H4428" no
effect. ⁴ But|strong = "H4428" he|strong = "H0853", as|strong = "H6440"
the|strong = "H0853" manner was|strong = "H4428", held
out|strong = "H6440" the|strong = "H0853" golden|strong = "H2091" sceptre
with|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H6440" hand, which
was|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H0853" sign of|strong = "H4428"
clemency: and|strong = "H6965" she|strong = "H0635"
arose|strong = "H6965" up|strong = "H6965" and|strong = "H6965"
stood|strong = "H5975" before|strong = "H6440" him|strong = "H0853", ⁵
And|strong = "H1121" said|strong = "H0559": If|strong = "H0518"
it|strong = "H0518" please the|strong = "H3605" king|strong = "H4428",
and|strong = "H1121" if|strong = "H0518" I|strong = "H0589"
have|strong = "H0834" found|strong = "H4672" favour in|strong = "H5921"
his|strong = "H3605" sight|strong = "H5869", and|strong = "H1121"
my|strong = "H3605" request|strong = "H1697" be|strong = "H1121"
not|strong = "H0518" disagreeable to|strong = "H0559"
him|strong = "H5921", I|strong = "H0589" beseech thee,
that|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H3605" former|strong = "H6440"
letters|strong = "H5612" of|strong = "H1121" Aman the|strong = "H3605"
traitor and|strong = "H1121" enemy of|strong = "H1121"
the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064", by|strong = "H5921"
which|strong = "H0834" he|strong = "H0834" commanded|strong = "H0559"
that|strong = "H0834" they|strong = "H0834" should|strong = "H0518"
be|strong = "H1121" destroyed|strong = "H0006" in|strong = "H5921"
all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428"
provinces|strong = "H4082", may|strong = "H1121" be|strong = "H1121"
reversed by|strong = "H5921" new letters|strong = "H5612". ⁶
For|strong = "H3588" how|strong = "H0349" call I|strong = "H0834"
endure|strong = "H3201" the|strong = "H0853" murdering

and|strong="H7200" slaughter of|strong="H4672" my|strong="H7200" people|strong="H5971"? ⁷ And|strong="H3027" king|strong="H4428" Assuerus answered|strong="H0559" Esther|strong="H0635" the|strong="H0853" queen|strong="H4436", and|strong="H3027" Mardochai the|strong="H0853" Jew|strong="H3064": I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" given|strong="H5414" Aman's house|strong="H1004" to|strong="H0559" Esther|strong="H0635", and|strong="H3027" I|strong="H0834" have|strong="H0834" commanded|strong="H0559" him|strong="H5414" to|strong="H0559" be|strong="H3027" hanged|strong="H8518" on|strong="H5921" a|strong="H5414" gibbet, because|strong="H5921" he|strong="H0834" durst lay|strong="H5414" hands|strong="H3027" on|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0853" Jews|strong="H3064". ⁸ Write|strong="H3789" ye therefore|strong="H0859" to|strong="H7725" the|strong="H0834" Jews|strong="H3064", as|strong="H0834" it|strong="H5921" pleaseth you|strong="H0859", in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" king's|strong="H4428" name|strong="H8034", and|strong="H4428" seal|strong="H2856" the|strong="H0834" letters with|strong="H5921" my|strong="H5921" ring|strong="H2885". For|strong="H3588" this|strong="H3588" was|strong="H8034" the|strong="H0834" custom, that|strong="H0834" no|strong="H0369" man|strong="H0369" durst gainsay the|strong="H0834" letters which|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" sent|strong="H7725" in|strong="H5921" the|strong="H0834" king's|strong="H4428" name|strong="H8034", and|strong="H4428" were|strong="H0834" sealed|strong="H2856" with|strong="H5921" his|strong="H5921" ring|strong="H2885". ⁹ Then|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" king's|strong="H4428" scribes|strong="H5608" and|strong="H3967" secretaries were|strong="H0834" called|strong="H7121" for|strong="H7121" (now|strong="H6256" it|strong="H1931" was|strong="H0834" the|strong="H3605" time|strong="H6256" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" third|strong="H7992" month|strong="H2320" which|strong="H0834" is|strong="H0834" called|strong="H7121" Siban) the|strong="H3605" three|strong="H7969" and|strong="H3967" twentieth|strong="H6242" day|strong="H2320" of|strong="H4428" the|strong="H3605" month|strong="H2320", and|strong="H3967" letters were|strong="H0834" written|strong="H3789", as|strong="H0834" Mardochai had|strong="H0834" a|strong="H7121" mind, to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" Jews|strong="H3064", and|strong="H3967" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" governors|strong="H6346", and|strong="H3967" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" deputies, and|strong="H3967" to|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" judges, who|strong="H0834" were|strong="H0834" rulers|strong="H8269" over|strong="H0413" the|strong="H3605" hundred|strong="H3967" and|strong="H3967" twenty-seven provinces|strong="H4082", from|strong="H5704" India|strong="H1912"

even|strong = "H5704" to|strong = "H0413" Ethiopia|strong = "H3568":
 to|strong = "H0413" province|strong = "H4082" and|strong = "H3967"
 province|strong = "H4082", to|strong = "H0413" people|strong = "H5971"
 and|strong = "H3967" people|strong = "H5971", according|strong = "H0413"
 to|strong = "H0413" their|strong = "H3605" languages|strong = "H3956"
 and|strong = "H3967" characters, and|strong = "H3967" to|strong = "H0413"
 the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064", according|strong = "H0413"
 as|strong = "H0834" they|strong = "H0834" could|strong = "H5971"
 read|strong = "H7121" and|strong = "H3967" hear. ¹⁰ And|strong = "H1121"
 these letters|strong = "H5612" which were|strong = "H1121"
 sent|strong = "H7971" in|strong = "H3789" the|strong = "H7971"
 king's|strong = "H4428" name|strong = "H8034", were|strong = "H1121"
 sealed|strong = "H2856" with|strong = "H3027" his|strong = "H7971"
 ring|strong = "H2885", and|strong = "H1121" sent|strong = "H7971"
 by|strong = "H3027" posts: who|strong = "H1121" were|strong = "H1121"
 to|strong = "H7971" run|strong = "H7323" through|strong = "H3027" all
 the|strong = "H7971" provinces, to|strong = "H7971" prevent
 the|strong = "H7971" former letters|strong = "H5612" with|strong = "H3027"
 new messages. ¹¹ And|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605"
 king|strong = "H4428" gave|strong = "H5414" orders to|strong = "H5921"
 them|strong = "H5414", to|strong = "H5921" speak to|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064" in|strong = "H5921"
 every|strong = "H3605" city|strong = "H5892", and|strong = "H4428"
 to|strong = "H5921" command|strong = "H5921" them|strong = "H5414"
 to|strong = "H5921" gather|strong = "H6950" themselves|strong = "H5315"
 together|strong = "H5921", and|strong = "H4428" to|strong = "H5921"
 stand|strong = "H5975" for|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H3605"
 lives|strong = "H5315", and|strong = "H4428" to|strong = "H5921"
 kill|strong = "H2026" and|strong = "H4428" destroy|strong = "H8045"
 all|strong = "H3605" their|strong = "H3605" enemies with|strong = "H5921"
 their|strong = "H3605" wives|strong = "H0802" and|strong = "H4428"
 children|strong = "H2945" and|strong = "H4428" all|strong = "H3605"
 their|strong = "H3605" houses, and|strong = "H4428" to|strong = "H5921"
 take|strong = "H0962" their|strong = "H3605" spoil|strong = "H7998". ¹²
 And|strong = "H4428" one|strong = "H0259" day|strong = "H3117"
 of|strong = "H4428" revenge was|strong = "H1931" appointed
 through|strong = "H3605" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"
 provinces|strong = "H4082", to|strong = "H3117" wit, the|strong = "H3605"
 thirteenth of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" twelfth
 month|strong = "H2320" Adar|strong = "H0143". ¹³ And|strong = "H3117"
 this|strong = "H2088" was|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H3605" content
 of|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605" letter|strong = "H3791",
 that|strong = "H3605" it|strong = "H5414" should|strong = "H3117"
 be|strong = "H1961" notified in|strong = "H3117" all|strong = "H3605" lands
 and|strong = "H3117" peoples|strong = "H5971" that|strong = "H3605"
 were|strong = "H1961" subject to|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H3605"

empire of|strong = "H3117" king Assuerus, that|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064" were|strong = "H1961" ready to|strong = "H1961" be|strong = "H1961" revenged of|strong = "H3117" their|strong = "H3605" enemies|strong = "H0341". ¹⁴ So|strong = "H5414" the|strong = "H5414" swift|strong = "H7409" posts went|strong = "H3318" out|strong = "H3318" carrying the|strong = "H5414" messages|strong = "H1697", and|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5414" king's|strong = "H4428" edict|strong = "H1697" was|strong = "H4428" hung|strong = "H5414" up|strong = "H5414" in|strong = "H4428" Susan. ¹⁵ And|strong = "H4428" Mardochai going|strong = "H3318" forth|strong = "H3318" out|strong = "H3318" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H6440" palace, and|strong = "H4428" from|strong = "H3318" the|strong = "H6440" king's|strong = "H4428" presence|strong = "H6440", shone in|strong = "H4428" royal|strong = "H4438" apparel|strong = "H3830", to|strong = "H6440" wit, of|strong = "H4428" violet|strong = "H8504" and|strong = "H4428" sky colour, wearing a|strong = "H3318" golden|strong = "H2091" crown|strong = "H5850" on|strong = "H2091" his|strong = "H6440" head|strong = "H6440", and|strong = "H4428" clothed|strong = "H3830" with|strong = "H3318" a|strong = "H3318" cloak of|strong = "H4428" silk and|strong = "H4428" purple|strong = "H0713". And|strong = "H4428" all|strong = "H1419" the|strong = "H6440" city|strong = "H5892" rejoiced|strong = "H8055" and|strong = "H4428" was|strong = "H4428" glad|strong = "H8055". ¹⁶ But|strong = "H1961" to|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H1961" Jews|strong = "H3064" a|strong = "H1961" new light seemed to|strong = "H1961" rise, joy|strong = "H8057", honour, and|strong = "H8057" dancing. ¹⁷ And|strong = "H0776" in|strong = "H5921" all|strong = "H3605" peoples|strong = "H5971", cities|strong = "H5892", and|strong = "H0776" provinces|strong = "H4082", whithersoever the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428" commandments|strong = "H1697" came|strong = "H5060", there|strong = "H3605" was|strong = "H0834" wonderful rejoicing|strong = "H8057", feasts and|strong = "H0776" banquets|strong = "H4960", and|strong = "H0776" keeping holy day|strong = "H3117": insomuch that|strong = "H0834" many|strong = "H7227" of|strong = "H4428" other|strong = "H3605" nations|strong = "H5971" and|strong = "H0776" religion, joined|strong = "H5307" themselves|strong = "H2896" to|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H3605" worship and|strong = "H0776" ceremonies. For|strong = "H3588" a|strong = "H3588" great|strong = "H7227" dread|strong = "H6343" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" name of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064" had|strong = "H0834" fallen|strong = "H5307" upon|strong = "H5921" all|strong = "H3605".

9So|strong = "H6213" on|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0834" thirteenth

day of the twelfth month, which as we have said above is called Adar, when all the Jews were designated to be massacred, and their enemies after their blood, the case being altered, the Jews began to have the upper hand, and to revenge themselves of their adversaries. ² And they gathered themselves together in every city, and town, to lay their hands on their enemies, and no one durst withstand them, for the fear of their power had gone through every people. ³ And the judges of the provinces, and the governors, and lieutenants, and every one in dignity, that presided over every place, and work for fear of Mardochai: ⁴ For they knew him to be prince of the palace, and to have great power: and the fame of his name increased daily, and was spread abroad through all men's mouths. ⁵ So the Jews made a great slaughter of their enemies,

and|strong = "H2719" killed|strong = "H5221" them|strong = "H5221",
 repaying according to|strong = "H3605" what|strong = "H7522"
 they|strong = "H7522" had|strong = "H3064" prepared|strong = "H6213"
 to|strong = "H3605" do|strong = "H6213" to|strong = "H3605"
 them|strong = "H5221": ⁶ Insomuch that|strong = "H0376" even
 in|strong = "H0376" Susan they|strong = "H0376" killed|strong = "H2026"
 five|strong = "H2568" hundred|strong = "H3967" men|strong = "H0376",
 besides the|strong = "H2026" ten sons of|strong = "H0376" Aman
 the|strong = "H2026" Agagite, the|strong = "H2026" enemy
 of|strong = "H0376" the|strong = "H2026" Jews|strong = "H3064":
 whose|strong = "H0376" names are|strong = "H0376" these: ⁷ Pharsandatha,
 and|strong = "H0853" Delphon, and|strong = "H0853" Esphatha, ⁸
 And|strong = "H0853" Phoratha, and|strong = "H0853"
 Adalia|strong = "H0118", and|strong = "H0853" Aridatha|strong = "H0743",
⁹ And|strong = "H0853" Phermesta, and|strong = "H0853"
 Arisai|strong = "H0747", and|strong = "H0853" Aridai|strong = "H0742",
 and|strong = "H0853" Jezatha. ¹⁰ And|strong = "H1121"
 when|strong = "H7971" they|strong = "H3808" had|strong = "H0853"
 slain|strong = "H2026" them|strong = "H0853", they|strong = "H3808" would
 not|strong = "H3808" touch the|strong = "H0853" spoils of|strong = "H1121"
 their|strong = "H7971" goods. ¹¹ And|strong = "H0935" presently
 the|strong = "H6440" number|strong = "H4557" of|strong = "H4428"
 them|strong = "H6440" that|strong = "H3117" were|strong = "H3117"
 killed|strong = "H2026" in|strong = "H0935" Susan was|strong = "H1931"
 brought|strong = "H0935" to|strong = "H0935" the|strong = "H6440"
 king|strong = "H4428". ¹² And|strong = "H1121" he|strong = "H6213"
 said|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559" the|strong = "H0853"
 queen|strong = "H4436": The|strong = "H0853" Jews|strong = "H3064"
 have|strong = "H0376" killed|strong = "H2026" five|strong = "H2568"
 hundred|strong = "H3967" men|strong = "H0376" in|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H0853" city of|strong = "H1121" Susan,
 besides|strong = "H5750" the|strong = "H0853" ten|strong = "H6235"
 sons|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Aman: how|strong = "H4100"
 many|strong = "H4100" dost thou think|strong = "H0559"
 they|strong = "H0376" have|strong = "H0376" slain|strong = "H2026"
 in|strong = "H4428" all|strong = "H0376" the|strong = "H0853"
 provinces|strong = "H4082"? What|strong = "H4100" askest thou
 more|strong = "H5750", and|strong = "H1121" what|strong = "H4100" wilt
 thou have|strong = "H0376" me|strong = "H5414" to|strong = "H0559"
 command|strong = "H0559" to|strong = "H0559" be|strong = "H5750"
 done|strong = "H6213"? ¹³ And|strong = "H1121" she|strong = "H0834"
 answered|strong = "H0559": If|strong = "H0518" it|strong = "H5414" please
 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",
 to|strong = "H0559" do|strong = "H6213" tomorrow|strong = "H4279"

in|strong = "H5921" Susan as|strong = "H0834" they|strong = "H0834"
 have|strong = "H0834" done|strong = "H6213" today|strong = "H3117",
 and|strong = "H1121" that|strong = "H0834" the|strong = "H0853"
 ten|strong = "H6235" sons|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Aman
 may|strong = "H1571" be|strong = "H1571" hanged|strong = "H8518"
 upon|strong = "H5921" gibbets. ¹⁴ And|strong = "H1121"
 the|strong = "H0853" king|strong = "H4428" commanded|strong = "H0559"
 that|strong = "H3651" it|strong = "H5414" should|strong = "H0559"
 be|strong = "H1121" so|strong = "H3651" done|strong = "H6213".
 And|strong = "H1121" forthwith the|strong = "H0853" edict|strong = "H1881"
 was|strong = "H4428" hung|strong = "H8518" up|strong = "H5414"
 in|strong = "H4428" Susan, and|strong = "H1121" the|strong = "H0853"
 ten|strong = "H6235" sons|strong = "H1121" of|strong = "H1121" Aman
 were|strong = "H1121" hanged|strong = "H8518". ¹⁵ And|strong = "H3967"
 on|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0853" fourteenth day|strong = "H3117"
 of|strong = "H0376" the|strong = "H0853" month|strong = "H2320"
 Adar|strong = "H0143" the|strong = "H0853" Jews|strong = "H3064"
 gathered|strong = "H6950" themselves|strong = "H6950"
 together|strong = "H1571", and|strong = "H3967" they|strong = "H0834"
 killed|strong = "H2026" in|strong = "H3117" Susan three|strong = "H7969"
 hundred|strong = "H3967" men|strong = "H0376": but|strong = "H3808"
 they|strong = "H0834" took|strong = "H0853" not|strong = "H3808"
 their|strong = "H7971" substance. ¹⁶ Moreover through|strong = "H3027"
 all|strong = "H0505" the|strong = "H0853" provinces|strong = "H4082"
 which|strong = "H0834" were|strong = "H0834" subject to|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H0853" king's|strong = "H4428" dominion the|strong = "H0853"
 Jews|strong = "H3064" stood|strong = "H5975" for|strong = "H5921"
 their|strong = "H5921" lives|strong = "H5315", and|strong = "H3027"
 slew|strong = "H2026" their|strong = "H5921" enemies|strong = "H0341"
 and|strong = "H3027" persecutors: insomuch that|strong = "H0834"
 the|strong = "H0853" number|strong = "H5315" of|strong = "H4428"
 them|strong = "H0853" that|strong = "H0834" were|strong = "H0834" billed
 amounted to|strong = "H5921" seventy-five|strong = "H7657"
 thousand|strong = "H0505", and|strong = "H3027" no|strong = "H3808"
 man|strong = "H5315" took|strong = "H0853" any|strong = "H2026"
 of|strong = "H4428" their|strong = "H5921" goods. ¹⁷
 Now|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0853" thirteenth day|strong = "H3117"
 of|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0853" month|strong = "H2320"
 Adar|strong = "H0143" was|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0853"
 first|strong = "H3117" day|strong = "H3117" with|strong = "H3117"
 them|strong = "H0853" all|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117"
 the|strong = "H0853" slaughter, and|strong = "H3117" on|strong = "H3117"
 the|strong = "H0853" fourteenth day|strong = "H3117" they|strong = "H3117"
 left|strong = "H5117" off|strong = "H0853". Which|strong = "H4960"
 they|strong = "H3117" ordained to|strong = "H3117" be|strong = "H3117"
 kept|strong = "H6213" holy day|strong = "H3117", so|strong = "H6213"

that|strong = "H3117" all|strong = "H3117" times|strong = "H3117" hereafter they|strong = "H3117" should|strong = "H6213" celebrate it|strong = "H5117" with|strong = "H3117" feasting|strong = "H4960", joy|strong = "H8057", and|strong = "H3117" banquets|strong = "H4960". ¹⁸ But|strong = "H3117" they|strong = "H0834" that|strong = "H0834" were|strong = "H0834" killing in|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0853" city of|strong = "H3117" Susan, were|strong = "H0834" employed in|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0853" slaughter on|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0853" thirteenth and|strong = "H3117" fourteenth day|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0853" same|strong = "H0853" month: and|strong = "H3117" on|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H0853" fifteenth day|strong = "H3117" they|strong = "H0834" rested|strong = "H5117". And|strong = "H3117" therefore|strong = "H0834" they|strong = "H0834" appointed that|strong = "H0834" day|strong = "H3117" to|strong = "H3117" be|strong = "H3117" a|strong = "H0834" holy day|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117" feasting|strong = "H4960" and|strong = "H3117" gladness|strong = "H8057". ¹⁹ But|strong = "H0376" those|strong = "H0376" Jews|strong = "H3064" that|strong = "H3117" dwelt|strong = "H3427" in|strong = "H3427" towns|strong = "H5892" not walled and|strong = "H3117" in|strong = "H3427" villages|strong = "H6519", appointed the|strong = "H0853" fourteenth day|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H0376" the|strong = "H0853" month|strong = "H2320" Adar|strong = "H0143" for|strong = "H5921" banquets|strong = "H4960" and|strong = "H3117" gladness|strong = "H8057", so|strong = "H3651" as|strong = "H3651" to|strong = "H5921" rejoice|strong = "H8057" on|strong = "H5921" that|strong = "H3117" day|strong = "H3117", and|strong = "H3117" send one|strong = "H0376" another|strong = "H7453" portions|strong = "H4490" of|strong = "H0376" their|strong = "H5921" banquets|strong = "H4960" and|strong = "H3117" meats. ²⁰ And|strong = "H4428" Mardochai wrote|strong = "H3789" all|strong = "H3605" these|strong = "H0428" things|strong = "H1697", and|strong = "H4428" sent|strong = "H7971" them|strong = "H0413" comprised in|strong = "H0413" letters|strong = "H5612" to|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064" that|strong = "H0834" abode in|strong = "H0413" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" king's|strong = "H4428" provinces|strong = "H4082", both|strong = "H3605" those|strong = "H0428" that|strong = "H0834" lay|strong = "H7971" near|strong = "H7138" and|strong = "H4428" those|strong = "H0428" afar|strong = "H7350" off|strong = "H7350", ²¹ That|strong = "H3605" they|strong = "H3117" should|strong = "H6213" receive|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H3605" fourteenth and|strong = "H6965" fifteenth day|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605" month|strong = "H2320" Adar|strong = "H0143" for|strong = "H5921" holy days|strong = "H3117", and|strong = "H6965" always|strong = "H3117" at|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605" return of|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605" year|strong = "H8141" should|strong = "H6213"

celebrate them ²² with solemn honour: Because on those days the Jews revenged themselves of their enemies, and their mourning were turned into mirth and joy, and that these should be days of feasting and gladness, in which they should send one of their portions of meats; and should give gifts to the poor. ²³ And the Jews undertook to observe with solemnity all they had begun to do at that time, which Mardochai by letters had commanded to be done. ²⁴ For Aman, the son of Amadathi of the race of Agag, the enemy and adversary of the Jews, had devised evil against them, to kill them and destroy them: and he had cast Phur, that is, the lot. ²⁵ And afterwards Esther went in to the king, beseeching him that his endeavours might be made void by the king's letters: and that the evil that he had intended against the Jews, might return upon his own head. And so both

he|strong = "H0834" and|strong = "H1121" his|strong = "H5921"
 sons|strong = "H1121" were|strong = "H0834" hanged|strong = "H8518"
 upon|strong = "H5921" gibbets. ²⁶ And|strong = "H3117"
 since|strong = "H3117" that|strong = "H3605" time|strong = "H3117"
 these|strong = "H0428" days|strong = "H3117" are|strong = "H3117"
 called|strong = "H7121" Phurim, that|strong = "H3605" is|strong = "H4100",
 of|strong = "H3117" lots: because|strong = "H5921" Phur,
 that|strong = "H3605" is|strong = "H4100", the|strong = "H3605" lot,
 was|strong = "H8034" cast|strong = "H5060" into|strong = "H0413"
 the|strong = "H3605" urn. And|strong = "H3117" all|strong = "H3605"
 things|strong = "H1697" that|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H0428"
 done|strong = "H3605", are|strong = "H3117" contained in|strong = "H5921"
 the|strong = "H3605" volume of|strong = "H3117" this|strong = "H2063"
 epistle, that|strong = "H3605" is|strong = "H4100", of|strong = "H3117"
 this|strong = "H2063" book: ²⁷ And|strong = "H6965" the|strong = "H3605"
 things|strong = "H0428" that|strong = "H3605" they|strong = "H3117"
 suffered, and|strong = "H6965" that|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H1961"
 afterwards changed, the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064"
 took|strong = "H0853" upon|strong = "H5921" themselves|strong = "H0428"
 and|strong = "H6965" their|strong = "H3605" seed|strong = "H2233",
 and|strong = "H6965" upon|strong = "H5921" all|strong = "H3605"
 that|strong = "H3605" had|strong = "H1961" a|strong = "H1961"
 mind|strong = "H3808" to|strong = "H1961" be|strong = "H1961" joined
 to|strong = "H1961" their|strong = "H3605" religion, so|strong = "H6213"
 that|strong = "H3605" it|strong = "H5921" should|strong = "H6213"
 be|strong = "H1961" lawful for|strong = "H5921" none|strong = "H3808"
 to|strong = "H1961" pass|strong = "H5674" these|strong = "H0428"
 days|strong = "H3117" without|strong = "H3808" solemnity:
 which|strong = "H0428" the|strong = "H3605" writing|strong = "H3791"
 testifieth, and|strong = "H6965" certain times|strong = "H3117" require,
 as|strong = "H1961" the|strong = "H3605" years|strong = "H8141"
 continually|strong = "H3117" succeed|strong = "H6965"
 one|strong = "H3605" another|strong = "H3808". ²⁸ These|strong = "H0428"
 are|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H3605" days|strong = "H3117"
 which|strong = "H0428" shall|strong = "H3808" never|strong = "H3808"
 be|strong = "H3808" forgot: and|strong = "H3117" which|strong = "H0428"
 all|strong = "H3605" provinces|strong = "H4082" in|strong = "H3117"
 the|strong = "H3605" whole|strong = "H3605" world shall|strong = "H3808"
 celebrate|strong = "H2142" throughout|strong = "H3605"
 all|strong = "H3605" generations|strong = "H1755": neither|strong = "H3808"
 is|strong = "H3117" there|strong = "H8432" any|strong = "H3605"
 city|strong = "H5892" wherein the|strong = "H3605" days|strong = "H3117"
 of|strong = "H3117" Phurim, that|strong = "H3605" is|strong = "H3117",
 of|strong = "H3117" lots, must|strong = "H3808" not|strong = "H3808"
 be|strong = "H3808" observed|strong = "H6213" by|strong = "H3117"
 the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064", and|strong = "H3117"

by|strong = "H3117" their|strong = "H3605" posterity|strong = "H2233", which|strong = "H0428" is|strong = "H3117" bound to|strong = "H3117" these|strong = "H0428" ceremonies. ²⁹ And|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" Mardochai the|strong = "H3605" Jew|strong = "H3064", wrote|strong = "H3789" also|strong = "H0853" a|strong = "H3605" second|strong = "H8145" epistle, that|strong = "H3605" with|strong = "H0854" all|strong = "H3605" diligence this|strong = "H2063" day should be|strong = "H3605" established|strong = "H6965" a|strong = "H3605" festival for|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" time|strong = "H8145" to|strong = "H6965" come|strong = "H6965". ³⁰ And|strong = "H3967" they|strong = "H3605" sent|strong = "H7971" to|strong = "H0413" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064" that|strong = "H3605" were|strong = "H1697" in|strong = "H0413" the|strong = "H3605" hundred|strong = "H3967" and|strong = "H3967" twenty-seven provinces|strong = "H4082" of|strong = "H1697" king Assuerus, that|strong = "H3605" they|strong = "H3605" should|strong = "H0413" have|strong = "H1697" peace|strong = "H7965", and|strong = "H3967" receive truth|strong = "H0571", ³¹ And|strong = "H6965" observe the|strong = "H0853" days|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117" lots, and|strong = "H6965" celebrate them|strong = "H0853" with|strong = "H5921" joy|strong = "H5921" in|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H5921" proper time|strong = "H3117": as|strong = "H0834" Mardochai and|strong = "H6965" Esther|strong = "H0635" had|strong = "H0834" appointed|strong = "H2165", and|strong = "H6965" they|strong = "H0834" undertook them|strong = "H0853" to|strong = "H5921" be|strong = "H1697" observed|strong = "H6965" by|strong = "H5921" themselves|strong = "H5315" and|strong = "H6965" by|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H5921" seed|strong = "H2233", fasts, and|strong = "H6965" cries|strong = "H2201", and|strong = "H6965" the|strong = "H0853" days|strong = "H3117" of|strong = "H3117" lots, ³² And|strong = "H6965" all|strong = "H1697" things|strong = "H1697" which|strong = "H0428" are|strong = "H0428" contained in|strong = "H3789" the|strong = "H1697" history of|strong = "H1697" this|strong = "H0428" book|strong = "H5612", which|strong = "H0428" is|strong = "H1697" called Esther|strong = "H0635".

10And|strong = "H0776" king|strong = "H4428" Assuerus made|strong = "H7760" all the|strong = "H5921" land|strong = "H0776", and|strong = "H0776" all the|strong = "H5921" islands|strong = "H0339" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H5921" sea|strong = "H3220" tributary. ² And|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H3605" strength|strong = "H1369" and|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H3605" empire, and|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605" dignity|strong = "H1420" and|strong = "H4428"

greatness|strong = "H1420" wherewith he|strong = "H0834"
 exalted|strong = "H1431" Mardochai, are|strong = "H0834"
 written|strong = "H3789" in|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H3605"
 books|strong = "H5612" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605"
 Medes|strong = "H4074", and|strong = "H4428" of|strong = "H4428"
 the|strong = "H3605" Persians: ³ And|strong = "H4428"
 how|strong = "H3588" Mardochai of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605"
 race|strong = "H2233" of|strong = "H4428" the|strong = "H3605"
 Jews|strong = "H3064", was|strong = "H4428" next|strong = "H4932"
 after|strong = "H3588" king|strong = "H4428" Assuerus:
 and|strong = "H4428" great|strong = "H1419" among|strong = "H0251"
 the|strong = "H3605" Jews|strong = "H3064", and|strong = "H4428"
 acceptable|strong = "H7521" to|strong = "H1696" the|strong = "H3605"
 people|strong = "H5971" of|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H3605"
 brethren|strong = "H0251", seeking|strong = "H1875" the|strong = "H3605"
 good|strong = "H2896" of|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H3605"
 people|strong = "H5971", and|strong = "H4428" speaking|strong = "H1696"
 those|strong = "H3605" things|strong = "H3605" which
 were|strong = "H0251" for|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3605"
 welfare|strong = "H7965" of|strong = "H4428" his|strong = "H3605"
 seed|strong = "H2233". ⁴ Then Mardochai said: God hath done these things.
⁵ I remember a dream that I saw, which signified these same things: and
 nothing thereof hath failed. ⁶ The little fountain which grew into a river, and
 was turned into a light, and into the sun, and abounded into many waters, is
 Esther, whom the king married, and made queen. ⁷ But the two dragons are
 I and Aman. ⁸ The nations that were assembled are they that endeavoured
 to destroy the name of the Jews. ⁹ And my nation is Israel, who cried to the
 Lord, and the Lord saved his people: and he delivered us from all evils, and
 hath wrought great signs and wonders among the nations: ¹⁰ And he
 commanded that there should be two lots, one of the people of God, and the
 other of all the nations. ¹¹ And both lots came to the day appointed already
 from that time before God to all nations: ¹² And the Lord remembered his
 people, and had mercy on his inheritance. ¹³ And these days shall be
 observed in the month of Adar on the fourteenth, and fifteenth day of the
 same month. with all diligence, and joy of the people gathered into one
 assembly, throughout all the generations hereafter of the people of Israel.

11In the fourth year of the reign of Ptolemy and Cleopatra, Dositheus, who
 said he was a priest, and of the Levitical race, and Ptolemy his son brought
 this epistle of Phurim, which they said Lysimachus the son of Ptolemy had
 interpreted in Jerusalem. ² In the second year of the reign of Artaxerxes the
 great, in the first day of the month Nisan, Mardochai the son of Jair, the son
 of Semei, the son of Cis, of the tribe of Benjamin: ³ A Jew who dwelt in the
 city of Susa, a great man and among the first of the king's court, had it
 dream. ⁴ Now he was of the number of the captives, whom Nabuchodonosor

king of Babylon had carried away from Jerusalem with Jechonias king of Juda: ⁵ And this was his dream: Behold there were voices, and tumults, and thunders, and earthquakes, and a disturbance upon the earth. ⁶ And behold two great dragons came forth ready to fight one against another. ⁷ And at their cry all nations were stirred up to fight against the nation of the just. ⁸ And that was a day of darkness and danger, of tribulation and distress, and great fear upon the earth. ⁹ And the nation of the just was troubled fearing their own evils, and was prepared for death. ¹⁰ And they cried to God: and as they were crying, a little fountain grew into a very great river, and abounded into many waters. ¹¹ The light and the sun rose up, and the humble were exalted, and they devoured the glorious. ¹² And when Mardochai had seen this, and arose out of his bed, he was thinking what God would do: and he kept it fixed in his mind, desirous to know what the dream should signify.

¹²And he abode at that time in the king's court with Bagatha and Thara the king's eunuchs, who were porters of the palace. ² And when he understood their designs, and had diligently searched into their projects, he learned that they went about to lay violent hands on king Artaxerxes, and he told the king thereof. ³ Then the king had them both examined, and after they had confessed, commanded them to be put to death. ⁴ But the king made a record of what was done: and Mardochai also committed the memory of the thing to writing. ⁵ And the king commanded him, to abide in the court of the palace, and gave him presents for the information. ⁶ But Aman the son of Amadathi the Bugite was in great honour with the king, and sought to hurt Mardochai and his people, because of the two eunuchs of the king who were put to death.

¹³And this was the copy of the letter: Artaxerxes the great king who reigneth from India to Ethiopia, to the princes and governors of the hundred and twenty-seven provinces, that are subject to his empire, greeting. ² Whereas I reigned over many nations, and had brought all the world under my dominion, I was not willing to abuse the greatness of my power, but to govern my subjects with clemency and lenity, that they might live quietly without any terror. and might enjoy peace, which is desired by all men. ³ But when I asked my counsellors how this might be accomplished, one that excelled the rest in wisdom and fidelity, and was second after the king, Aman by name, ⁴ Told me that there was a people scattered through the whole world, which used new laws, and acted against the customs of all nations, despised the commandments of kings, and violated by their opposition the concord of all nations. ⁵ Wherefore having learned this, and seeing one nation in opposition to all mankind using perverse laws, and going against our commandments, and disturbing the peace and concord of the provinces subject to us, ⁶ We have commanded that all whom Aman shall mark out, who is chief over all the provinces, and second after the king, and whom we

honour as a father, shall be utterly destroyed by their enemies, with their wives and children, and that none shall have pity on them. on the fourteenth day of the twelfth month Adar of this present year: ⁷ That these wicked men going down to hell in one day, may restore to our empire the peace which they had disturbed. ⁸ But Mardochai besought the Lord, remembering all his works, ⁹ And said: O Lord, Lord, almighty king, for all things are in thy power, and there is none that can resist thy will, if thou determine to save Israel. ¹⁰ Thou hast made heaven and earth, and all things that are under the cope of heaven. ¹¹ Thou art Lord of all, and there is none that can resist thy majesty. ¹² Thou knowest all things, and thou knowest that it was not out of pride and contempt, or any desire of glory, that I refused to worship the proud Aman, ¹³ (For I would willingly and readily for the salvation of Israel have kissed even the steps of his feet,) ¹⁴ But I feared lest I should transfer the honour of my God to a man, and lest I should adore any one except my God. ¹⁵ And now, O Lord, O king, O God of Abraham, have mercy on thy people, because our enemies resolve to destroy us, and extinguish thy inheritance. ¹⁶ Despise not thy portion, which thou hast redeemed for thyself out of Egypt. ¹⁷ Hear my supplication, and be merciful to thy lot and inheritance, and turn our mourning into joy, that we may live and praise thy name, O Lord, and shut not the mouths of them that sing to thee. ¹⁸ And all Israel with like mind and supplication cried to the Lord, because they saw certain death hanging over their heads.

14Queen Esther also, fearing the danger that was at hand, had recourse to the Lord. ² And when she had laid away her royal apparel, she put on garments suitable for weeping and mourning: instead of divers precious ointments, she covered her head with ashes and dung, and she humbled her body with fasts: and all the places in which before she was accustomed to rejoice, she filled with her torn hair. ³ And she prayed to the Lord the God of Israel, saying: O my Lord, who alone art our king, help me a desolate woman, and who have no other helper but thee. ⁴ My danger is in my hands. ⁵ I have heard of my father that thou, O Lord, didst take Israel from among all nations, and our fathers from all their predecessors, to possess them as an everlasting inheritance, and thou hast done to them as thou hast promised. ⁶ We have sinned in thy sight, and therefore thou hast delivered us into the hands of our enemies: ⁷ For we have worshipped their gods. Thou art just, O Lord. ⁸ And now they are not content to oppress us with most hard bondage, but attributing the strength of their hands to the power of their idols, ⁹ They design to change thy promises, and destroy thy inheritance, and shut the mouths of them that praise thee, and extinguish the glory of thy temple and altar, ¹⁰ That they may open the mouths of Gentiles, and praise the strength of idols, and magnify for ever a carnal king. ¹¹ Give not, O Lord, thy sceptre to them that are not, lest they laugh at our ruin: but turn their counsel upon themselves, and destroy him that hath begun to rage against us. ¹² Remember, O Lord, and shew thyself to us in the time of our

tribulation, and give me boldness, O Lord, king of gods, and of all power: ¹³ Give me a well ordered speech in my mouth in the presence of the lion, and turn his heart to the hatred of our enemy, that both he himself may perish, and the rest that consent to him. ¹⁴ But deliver us by thy hand, and help me, who have no other helper, but thee, O Lord, who hast the knowledge of all things. ¹⁵ And thou knowest that I hate the glory of the wicked, and abhor the bed of the uncircumcised, and of every stranger. ¹⁶ Thou knowest my necessity, that I abominate the sign of my pride and glory, which is upon my head in the days of my public appearance, and detest it as a menstruous rag, and wear it not in the days of my silence, ¹⁷ And that I have not eaten at Aman's table, nor hath the king's banquet pleased me, and that I have not drunk the wine of the drink offerings: ¹⁸ And that thy handmaid hath never rejoiced, since I was brought hither unto this day, but in thee, O Lord, the God of Abraham. ¹⁹ O God, who art mighty above all, hear the voice of them, that have no other hope, and deliver us from the hand of the wicked, and deliver me from my fear.

¹⁵And he commanded her (no doubt but he was Mardochai) to go to the king, and petition for her people, and for her country. ² Remember, (said he,) the days of thy low estate, how thou wast brought up by my hand, because Aman the second after the king hath spoken against us unto death. ³ And do thou call upon the Lord, and speak to the king for us, and deliver us from death. ⁴ And on the third day she laid away the garments she wore, and put on her glorious apparel. ⁵ And glittering in royal robes, after she had called upon God the ruler and Saviour of all, she took two maids with her, ⁶ And upon one of them she leaned, as if for delicateness and overmuch tenderness she were not able to bear up her own body. ⁷ And the other maid followed her lady, bearing up her train flowing on the ground. ⁸ But she with a rosy colour in her face, and with gracious and bright eyes, hid a mind full of anguish, and exceeding great fear. ⁹ So going in she passed through all the doors in order, and stood before the king, where he sat upon his royal throne, clothed with his royal robes, and glittering with gold, and precious stones, and he was terrible to behold. ¹⁰ And when he had lifted up his countenance, and with burning eyes had shewn the wrath of his heart, the queen sunk down, and her colour turned pale, and she rested her weary head upon her handmaid. ¹¹ And God changed the king's spirit into mildness, and all in haste and in fear he leaped from his throne, and holding her up in his arms, till she came to herself, caressed her with these words: ¹² What is the matter, Esther? I am thy brother, fear not. ¹³ Thou shalt not die: for this law is not made for thee, but for all others. ¹⁴ Come near then, and touch the sceptre. ¹⁵ And as she held her peace, he took the golden sceptre, and laid it upon her neck, and kissed her, and said: Why dost thou not speak to me? ¹⁶ She answered: I saw thee, my lord, as an angel of God, and my heart was troubled for fear of thy majesty. ¹⁷ For thou, my lord, art very admirable, and thy face is full of graces. ¹⁸ And while she was speaking, she fell down

again, and was almost in a swoon. ¹⁹ But the king was troubled, and all his servants comforted her.

¹⁶The great king Artaxerxes, from India to Ethiopia, to the governors and princes of a hundred and twenty-seven provinces, which obey our command, sendeth greeting. ² Many have abused unto pride the goodness of princes, and the honour that hath been bestowed upon them: ³ And not only endeavour to oppress the king's subjects, but not bearing the glory that is given them, take in hand to practise also against them that gave it. ⁴ Neither are they content not to return thanks for benefits received, and to violate in themselves the laws of humanity, but they think they can also escape the justice of God who seeth all things. ⁵ And they break out into so great madness, as to endeavour to undermine by lies such as observe diligently the offices committed to them, and do all things in such manner as to be worthy of all men's praise, ⁶ While with crafty fraud they deceive the ears of princes that are well meaning, and judge of others by their own nature. ⁷ Now this is proved both from ancient histories, and by the things which are done daily, how the good designs of kings are depraved by the evil suggestions of certain men. ⁸ Wherefore we must provide for the peace of all provinces. ⁹ Neither must you think, if we command different things, that it cometh of the levity of our mind, but that we give sentence according to the quality and necessity of times, as the profit of the commonwealth requireth. ¹⁰ Now that you may more plainly understand what we say, I Aman the son of Amadathi, a Macedonian both in mind and country, and having nothing of the Persian blood, but with his cruelty staining our goodness, was received being a stranger by us: ¹¹ And found our humanity so great towards him, that he was called our father, and was worshipped by all as the next man after the king: ¹² But he was so far puffed up with arrogancy, as to go about to deprive us of our kingdom and life. ¹³ For with certain new and unheard of devices he hath sought the destruction of Mardochai, by whose fidelity and good services our life was saved, and of Esther the partner of our kingdom, with all their nation: ¹⁴ Thinking that after they were slain, he might work treason against us left alone without friends, and might transfer the kingdom of the Persians to the Macedonians. ¹⁵ But we have found that the Jews, who were by that most wicked man appointed to be slain, are in no fault at all, but contrariwise, use just laws, ¹⁶ And are the children of the highest and the greatest, and the ever living God, by whose benefit the kingdom was given both to our fathers and to us, and is kept unto this day. ¹⁷ Wherefore know ye that those letters which he sent in our name, are void and of no effect. ¹⁸ For which crime both he himself that devised it, and all his kindred hang on gibbets, before the gates of this city Susan: not we, but God repaying him as he deserved. ¹⁹ But this edict, which we now send, shall be published in all cities, that the Jews may freely follow their own laws. ²⁰ And you shall aid them that they may kill those who had prepared themselves to kill them, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is called Adar.

²¹ For the almighty God hath turned this day of sadness and mourning into joy to them. ²² Wherefore you shall also count this day among other festival days, and celebrate it with all joy, that it may be known also in times to come, ²³ That all they who faithfully obey the Persians, receive a worthy reward for their fidelity: but they that are traitors to their kingdom, are destroyed for their wickedness. ²⁴ And let every province and city, that will not be partaker of this solemnity, perish by the sword and by fire, and be destroyed in such manner as to be made unpassable, both to men and beasts, for an example of contempt, and disobedience.