



1 Now it came to pass on the third^{H7992} day^{H3117}, that Esther^{H635} put on^{H3847} her royal^{H4438} apparel, and stood^{H5975} in the inner^{H6442} court^{H2691} of the king's^{H4428} house^{H1004}, over against^{H5227} the king's^{H4428} house^{H1004}: and the king^{H4428} sat^{H3427} upon his royal^{H4438} throne^{H3678} in the royal^{H4438} house^{H1004}, over against^{H5227} the gate^{H6607} of the house^{H1004}. 2 And it was so, when the king^{H4428} saw^{H7200} Esther^{H635} the queen^{H4436} standing^{H5975} in the court^{H2691}, that she obtained^{H5375} favour^{H2580} in his sight^{H5869}: and the king^{H4428} held out^{H3447} to Esther^{H635} the golden^{H2091} sceptre^{H8275} that was in his hand^{H3027}. So Esther^{H635} drew near^{H7126}, and touched^{H5060} the top^{H7218} of the sceptre^{H8275}. 3 Then said^{H559} the king^{H4428} unto her, What wilt thou, queen^{H4436} Esther^{H635}? and what is thy request^{H1246}? it shall be even given^{H5414} thee to the half^{H2677} of the kingdom^{H4438}. 4 And Esther^{H635} answered^{H559}, If it seem good^{H2895} unto the king^{H4428}, let the king^{H4428} and Haman^{H2001} come^{H935} this day^{H3117} unto the banquet^{H4960} that I have prepared^{H6213} for him. 5 Then the king^{H4428} said^{H559}, Cause Haman^{H2001} to make haste^{H4116}, that he may do^{H6213} as Esther^{H635} hath said^{H1697}. So the king^{H4428} and Haman^{H2001} came^{H935} to the banquet^{H4960} that Esther^{H635} had prepared^{H6213}. 6 And the king^{H4428} said^{H559} unto Esther^{H635} at the banquet^{H4960} of wine^{H3196}, What is thy petition^{H7596}? and it shall be granted^{H5414} thee: and what is thy request^{H1246}? even to the half^{H2677} of the kingdom^{H4438} it shall be performed^{H6213}. 7 Then answered^{H559} Esther^{H635}, and said^{H559}, My petition^{H7596} and my request^{H1246} is; 8 If I have found^{H4672} favour^{H2580} in the sight^{H5869} of the king^{H4428}, and if it please^{H2895} the king^{H4428} to grant^{H5414} my petition^{H7596}, and to perform^{H6213} my request^{H1246}, let the king^{H4428} and Haman^{H2001} come^{H935} to the banquet^{H4960} that I shall prepare^{H6213} for them, and I will do^{H6213} to morrow^{H4279} as the king^{H4428} hath said^{H1697} 1.

9 Then went^{H3318} Haman^{H2001} forth^{H3318} that day^{H3117} joyful^{H8056} and with a glad^{H2896} heart^{H3820}: but when Haman^{H2001} saw^{H7200} Mordecai^{H4782} in the king's^{H4428} gate^{H8179}, that he stood not up^{H6965}, nor moved^{H2111} for him, he^{H2001} was full^{H4390} of indignation^{H2534} against Mordecai^{H4782}. 10 Nevertheless Haman^{H2001} refrained^{H662} himself: and when he came^{H935} home^{H1004}, he sent^{H7971} and called^{H935} for his friends^{H157}, and Zeresh^{H2238} his wife^{H802}. 11 And Haman^{H2001} told^{H5608} them of the glory^{H3519} of his riches^{H6239}, and the multitude^{H7230} of his children^{H1121}, and all the things wherein the king^{H4428} had promoted^{H1431} him, and how he had advanced^{H5375} him above the princes^{H8269} and servants^{H5650} of the king^{H4428}. 12 Haman^{H2001} said^{H559} moreover, Yea, Esther^{H635} the queen^{H4436} did let no man come in^{H935} with the king^{H4428} unto the banquet^{H4960} that she had prepared^{H6213} but myself; and to morrow^{H4279} am I invited^{H7121} unto her also with the king^{H4428}. 13 Yet all this availeth^{H7737} me nothing, so long as^{H6256} I see^{H7200} Mordecai^{H4782} the Jew^{H3064} sitting^{H3427} at the king's^{H4428} gate^{H8179}. 14 Then said^{H559} Zeresh^{H2238} his wife^{H802} and all his friends^{H157} unto him, Let a gallows^{H6086} be made^{H6213} of fifty^{H2572} cubits^{H520} high^{H1364}, and to morrow^{H1242} speak^{H559} thou unto the king^{H4428} that Mordecai^{H4782} may be hanged^{H8518} thereon: then go^{H935} thou in merrily^{H8056} with the king^{H4428} unto the banquet^{H4960}. And the thing^{H1697} pleased^{H3190} Haman^{H2001}; and he caused^{H6213} the gallows^{H6086} to be made^{H6213} 3.

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1. perform: Heb. do
2. called....: Heb. caused to come
3. gallows: Heb. tree