



1 On that day^{H3117} did the king^{H4428} Ahasuerus^{H325} give^{H5414} the house^{H1004} of Haman^{H2001} the Jews'^{H3064} enemy^{H6887} unto Esther^{H635} the queen^{H4436}. And Mordecai^{H4782} came^{H935} before^{H6440} the king^{H4428}; for Esther^{H635} had told^{H5046} what he was unto her. 2 And the king^{H4428} took off^{H5493} his ring^{H2885}, which he had taken^{H5674} from Haman^{H2001}, and gave^{H5414} it unto Mordecai^{H4782}. And Esther^{H635} set^{H7760} Mordecai^{H4782} over the house^{H1004} of Haman^{H2001}.

3 And Esther^{H635} spake^{H1696} yet again^{H3254} before^{H6440} the king^{H4428}, and fell down^{H5307} at^{H6440} his feet^{H7272}, and besought^{H2603} him with tears^{H1058} to put away^{H5674} the mischief^{H7451} of Haman^{H2001} the Agagite^{H91}, and his device^{H4284} that he had devised^{H2803} against the Jews^{H3064}. 4 Then the king^{H4428} held out^{H3447} the golden^{H2091} sceptre^{H8275} toward Esther^{H635}. So Esther^{H635} arose^{H6965}, and stood^{H5975} before^{H6440} the king^{H4428}, 5 And said^{H559}, If it please^{H2896} the king^{H4428}, and if I have found^{H4672} favour^{H2580} in his sight^{H6440}, and the thing^{H1697} seem right^{H3787} before^{H6440} the king^{H4428}, and I be pleasing^{H2896} in his eyes^{H5869}, let it be written^{H3789} to reverse^{H7725} the letters^{H5612} devised^{H4284} by Haman^{H2001} the son^{H1121} of Hammedatha^{H4099} the Agagite^{H91}, which he wrote^{H3789} to destroy^{H6} the Jews^{H3064} which are in all the king's^{H4428} provinces^{H4082.23}. 6 For how^{H5971} can I endure^{H3201} to see^{H7200} the evil^{H7451} that shall come^{H4672} unto my people^{H5971}? or how^{H349} can I endure^{H3201} to see^{H7200} the destruction^{H113} of my kindred^{H4138}? 7 Then the king^{H4428} Ahasuerus^{H325} said^{H559} unto Esther^{H635} the queen^{H4436} and to Mordecai^{H4782} the Jew^{H3064}, Behold, I have given^{H5414} Esther^{H635} the house^{H1004} of Haman^{H2001}, and him they have hanged^{H8518} upon the gallows^{H6086}, because he laid^{H7971} his hand^{H3027} upon the Jews^{H3064}. 8 Write^{H3789} ye also for the Jews^{H3064}, as it liketh^{H2896} you^{H5869}, in the king's^{H4428} name^{H8034}, and seal^{H2856} it with the king's^{H4428} ring^{H2885}: for the writing^{H3791} which is written^{H3789} in the king's^{H4428} name^{H8034}, and sealed^{H2856} with the king's^{H4428} ring^{H2885}, may no man reverse^{H7725}. 9 Then were the king's^{H4428} scribes^{H5608} called^{H7121} at that time^{H6256} in the third^{H7992} month^{H2320}, that is, the month^{H2320} Sivan^{H5510}, on the three^{H7969} and twentieth^{H6242} day thereof; and it was written^{H3789} according to all that Mordecai^{H4782} commanded^{H6680} unto the Jews^{H3064}, and to the lieutenants^{H323}, and the deputies^{H6346} and rulers^{H8269} of the provinces^{H4082} which are from India^{H1912} unto Ethiopia^{H3568}, an hundred^{H3967} twenty^{H6242} and seven^{H7651} provinces^{H4082}, unto every province^{H4082} according to the writing^{H3791} thereof, and unto every people^{H5971} after their language^{H3956}, and to the Jews^{H3064} according to their writing^{H3791}, and according to their language^{H3956}. 10 And he wrote^{H3789} in the king^{H4428} Ahasuerus^{H325} name^{H8034}, and sealed^{H2856} it with the king's^{H4428} ring^{H2885}, and sent^{H7971} letters^{H5612} by^{H3027} posts^{H7323} on horseback^{H5483}, and riders^{H7392} on mules^{H7409}, camels^{H327}, and young^{H1121} dromedaries^{H7424}. 11 Wherein the king^{H4428} granted^{H5414} the Jews^{H3064} which were in every city^{H5892} to gather themselves together^{H6950}, and to stand^{H5975} for their life^{H5315}, to destroy^{H8045}, to slay^{H2026}, and to cause to perish^{H6}, all the power^{H2428} of the people^{H5971} and province^{H4082} that would assault^{H6696} them, both little ones^{H2945} and women^{H802}, and to take the spoil^{H7998} of them for a prey^{H962}. 12 Upon one^{H259} day^{H3117} in all the provinces^{H4082} of king^{H4428} Ahasuerus^{H325}, namely, upon the thirteenth^{H7969} day of the twelfth^{H8147} month^{H2320}, which is the month^{H2320} Adar^{H143}. 13 The copy^{H6572} of the writing^{H3791} for a commandment^{H1881} to be given^{H5414} in every province^{H4082} was published^{H1540} unto all people^{H5971}, and that the Jews^{H3064} should be ready^{H6264} against that day^{H3117} to avenge^{H5358} themselves on their enemies^{H341}. 14 So the posts^{H7323} that rode^{H7392} upon mules^{H7409} and camels^{H327} went out^{H3318}, being hastened^{H926} and pressed on^{H1765} by the king's^{H4428} commandment^{H1697}. And the decree^{H1881} was given^{H5414} at Shushan^{H7800} the palace^{H1002}.

15 And Mordecai^{H4782} went out^{H3318} from the presence^{H6440} of the king^{H4428} in royal^{H4438} apparel^{H3830} of blue^{H8504} and white^{H2353}, and with a great^{H1419} crown^{H5850} of gold^{H2091}, and with a garment^{H8509} of fine linen^{H948} and purple^{H713}: and the city^{H5892} of Shushan^{H7800} rejoiced^{H6670} and was glad^{H8056}. 16 The Jews^{H3064} had light^{H219}, and gladness^{H8057}, and joy^{H8342}, and honour^{H3366}. 17 And in every province^{H4082}, and in every city^{H5892}, whithersoever^{H4725} the king's^{H4428} commandment^{H1697} and his decree^{H1881} came^{H5060}, the Jews^{H3064} had joy^{H8057} and gladness^{H8342}, a feast^{H4960} and a

good^{H2896} day^{H3117}. And many^{H7227} of the people^{H5971} of the land^{H776} became Jews^{H3054}; for the fear^{H6343} of the
Jews^{H3064} fell^{H5307} upon them.

Fußnoten

1. and besought...: Heb. and she wept, and besought him
2. devised: Heb. the device
3. which he...: or, who wrote
4. endure...: Heb. be able that I may see
5. published: Heb. revealed
6. blue: or, violet