



1 Now in the twelfth^{H8147 H6240} month^{H2320}, that is, the month^{H2320} Adar^{H143}, on the thirteenth^{H7969 H6240} day^{H3117} of the same, when the king's^{H4428} commandment^{H1697} and his decree^{H1881} drew near^{H5060} to be put in execution^{H6213}, in the day^{H3117} that the enemies^{H341} of the Jews^{H3064} hoped^{H7663} to have power^{H7980} over them, (though it was turned^{H2015} to the contrary, that the Jews^{H3064} had rule^{H7980} over them that hated^{H8130} them;) 2 The Jews^{H3064} gathered themselves together^{H6950} in their cities^{H5892} throughout all the provinces^{H4082} of the king^{H4428} Ahasuerus^{H325}, to lay^{H7971} hand^{H3027} on such as sought^{H1245} their hurt^{H7451}: and no man^{H376} could withstand^{H5975} them^{H6440}; for the fear^{H6343} of them fell^{H5307} upon all people^{H5971}. 3 And all the rulers^{H8269} of the provinces^{H4082}, and the lieutenants^{H323}, and the deputies^{H6346}, and officers^{H6213 H4399} of the king^{H4428}, helped^{H5375} the Jews^{H3064}, because the fear^{H6343} of Mordecai^{H4782} fell^{H5307} upon them. 4 For Mordecai^{H4782} was great^{H1419} in the king's^{H4428} house^{H1004}, and his fame^{H8089} went out^{H1980} throughout all the provinces^{H4082}: for this man^{H376} Mordecai^{H4782} waxed^{H1980} greater and greater^{H1419}. 5 Thus the Jews^{H3064} smote^{H5221} all their enemies^{H341} with the stroke^{H4347} of the sword^{H2719}, and slaughter^{H2027}, and destruction^{H12}, and did^{H6213} what they would^{H7522} unto those that hated^{H8130} them. 6 And in Shushan^{H7800} the palace^{H1002} the Jews^{H3064} slew^{H2026} and destroyed^{H6} five^{H2568} hundred^{H3967} men^{H376}. 7 And Parshandatha^{H6577}, and Dalphon^{H1813}, and Aspatha^{H630}, 8 And Poratha^{H6334}, and Adalia^{H118}, and Aridatha^{H743}, 9 And Parmashta^{H6534}, and Arisai^{H747}, and Aridai^{H742}, and Vajezatha^{H2055}, 10 The ten^{H6235} sons^{H1121} of Haman^{H2001} the son^{H1121} of Hammedatha^{H4099}, the enemy^{H6887} of the Jews^{H3064}, slew^{H2026} them; but on the spoil^{H961} laid^{H7971} they not their hand^{H3027}. 11 On that day^{H3117} the number^{H4557} of those that were slain^{H2026} in Shushan^{H7800} the palace^{H1002} was brought^{H935} before^{H6440} the king^{H4428}. 12 And the king^{H4428} said^{H559} unto Esther^{H635} the queen^{H4436}, The Jews^{H3064} have slain^{H2026} and destroyed^{H6} five^{H2568} hundred^{H3967} men^{H376} in Shushan^{H7800} the palace^{H1002}, and the ten^{H6235} sons^{H1121} of Haman^{H2001}; what have they done^{H6213} in the rest^{H7605} of the king's^{H4428} provinces^{H4082}? now what is thy petition^{H7596}? and it shall be granted^{H5414} thee: or what is thy request^{H1246} further^{H5750}? and it shall be done^{H6213}. 13 Then said^{H559} Esther^{H635}, If it please^{H2896} the king^{H4428}, let it be granted^{H5414} to the Jews^{H3064} which are in Shushan^{H7800} to do^{H6213} to morrow^{H4279} also according unto this day's^{H3117} decree^{H1881}, and let Haman's^{H2001} ten^{H6235} sons^{H1121} be hanged^{H8518} upon the gallows^{H6086}. 14 And the king^{H4428} commanded^{H559} it so to be done^{H6213}: and the decree^{H1881} was given^{H5414} at Shushan^{H7800}; and they hanged^{H8518} Haman's^{H2001} ten^{H6235} sons^{H1121}. 15 For the Jews^{H3064} that were in Shushan^{H7800} gathered themselves together^{H6950} on the fourteenth^{H702 H6240} day^{H3117} also of the month^{H2320} Adar^{H143}, and slew^{H2026} three^{H7969} hundred^{H3967} men^{H376} at Shushan^{H7800}; but on the prey^{H961} they laid^{H7971} not their hand^{H3027}. 16 But the other^{H7605} Jews^{H3064} that were in the king's^{H4428} provinces^{H4082} gathered themselves together^{H6950}, and stood^{H5975} for their lives^{H5315}, and had rest^{H5118} from their enemies^{H341}, and slew^{H2026} of their foes^{H8130} seventy^{H7657} and five^{H2568} thousand^{H505}, but they laid^{H7971} not their hands^{H3027} on the prey^{H961}. 17 On the thirteenth^{H7969 H6240} day^{H3117} of the month^{H2320} Adar^{H143}; and on the fourteenth^{H702 H6240} day of the same rested^{H5118} they, and made^{H6213} it a day^{H3117} of feasting^{H4960} and gladness^{H8057}. 18 But the Jews^{H3064} that were at Shushan^{H7800} assembled together^{H6950} on the thirteenth^{H7969 H6240} day thereof, and on the fourteenth^{H702 H6240} thereof; and on the fifteenth^{H2568 H6240} day of the same they rested^{H5118}, and made^{H6213} it a day^{H3117} of feasting^{H4960} and gladness^{H8057}. 19 Therefore the Jews^{H3064} of the villages^{H6521}, that dwelt^{H3427} in the unwall'd^{H6519} towns^{H5892}, made^{H6213} the fourteenth^{H702 H6240} day^{H3117} of the month^{H2320} Adar^{H143} a day of gladness^{H8057} and feasting^{H4960}, and a good^{H2896} day^{H3117}, and of sending^{H4916} portions^{H4490} one^{H376} to another^{H7453}.

20 And Mordecai^{H4782} wrote^{H3789} these things^{H1697}, and sent^{H7971} letters^{H5612} unto all the Jews^{H3064} that were in all the provinces^{H4082} of the king^{H4428} Ahasuerus^{H325}, both nigh^{H7138} and far^{H7350}, 21 To stablish^{H6965} this among them, that they should keep^{H6213} the fourteenth^{H702 H6240} day^{H3117} of the month^{H2320} Adar^{H143}, and the fifteenth^{H2568 H6240} day^{H3117} of the same, yearly^{H8141 H8141}, 22 As the days^{H3117} wherein the Jews^{H3064} rested^{H5117} from their enemies^{H341}, and the

month^{H2320} which was turned^{H2015} unto them from sorrow^{H3015} to joy^{H8057}, and from mourning^{H60} into a good^{H2896} day^{H3117}: that they should make^{H6213} them days^{H3117} of feasting^{H4960} and joy^{H8057}, and of sending^{H4916} portions^{H4490} one^{H376} to another^{H7453}, and gifts^{H4979} to the poor^{H34}. **23** And the Jews^{H3064} undertook^{H6901} to do^{H6213} as they had begun^{H2490}, and as Mordecai^{H4782} had written^{H3789} unto them; **24** Because Haman^{H2001} the son^{H1121} of Hammedatha^{H4099}, the Agagite^{H91}, the enemy^{H6887} of all the Jews^{H3064}, had devised^{H2803} against the Jews^{H3064} to destroy^{H6} them, and had cast^{H5307} Pur^{H6332}, that is, the lot^{H1486}, to consume^{H2000} them, and to destroy^{H6} them;⁶ **25** But when Esther came^{H935} before^{H6440} the king^{H4428}, he commanded^{H559} by letters^{H5612} that his wicked^{H7451} device^{H4284}, which he devised^{H2803} against the Jews^{H3064}, should return^{H7725} upon his own head^{H7218}, and that he and his sons^{H1121} should be hanged^{H8518} on the gallows^{H6086 7}. **26** Wherefore they called^{H7121} these days^{H3117} Purim^{H6332} after the name^{H8034} of Pur^{H6332}. Therefore for all the words^{H1697} of this letter^{H107}, and of that which they had seen^{H7200} concerning this matter^{H3602}, and which had come^{H5060} unto them,⁸ **27** The Jews^{H3064} ordained^{H6965}, and took^{H6901} upon them, and upon their seed^{H2233}, and upon all such as joined^{H3867} themselves unto them, so as it should not fail^{H5674}, that they would keep^{H6213} these two^{H8147} days^{H3117} according to their writing^{H3791}, and according to their appointed time^{H2165} every year^{H8141 H8141,9}; **28** And that these days^{H3117} should be remembered^{H2142} and kept^{H6213} throughout^{H1755} every generation^{H1755}, every family^{H4940}, every province^{H4082}, and every city^{H5892}; and that these days^{H3117} of Purim^{H6332} should not fail^{H5674} from among^{H8432} the Jews^{H3064}, nor the memorial^{H2143} of them perish^{H5486} from their seed^{H2233 1011}. **29** Then Esther^{H635} the queen^{H4436}, the daughter^{H1323} of Abihail^{H32}, and Mordecai^{H4782} the Jew^{H3064}, wrote^{H3789} with all authority^{H8633}, to confirm^{H6965} this second^{H8145} letter^{H107} of Purim^{H6332 12}. **30** And he sent^{H7971} the letters^{H5612} unto all the Jews^{H3064}, to the hundred^{H3967} twenty^{H6242} and seven^{H7651} provinces^{H4082} of the kingdom^{H4438} of Ahasuerus^{H325}, with words^{H1697} of peace^{H7965} and truth^{H571}; **31** To confirm^{H6965} these days^{H3117} of Purim^{H6332} in their times^{H2165} appointed, according as Mordecai^{H4782} the Jew^{H3064} and Esther^{H635} the queen^{H4436} had enjoined^{H6965} them, and as they had decreed^{H6965} for themselves^{H5315} and for their seed^{H2233}, the matters^{H1697} of the fastings^{H6685} and their cry^{H2201 13}. **32** And the decree^{H3982} of Esther^{H635} confirmed^{H6965} these matters^{H1697} of Purim^{H6332}; and it was written^{H3789} in the book^{H5612}.

Fußnoten

1. officers...: Heb. those which did the business that belonged to the king
2. what...: Heb. according to their will
3. was...: Heb. came
4. let Haman's...: Heb. let men hang, etc
5. of the same: Heb. in it
6. consume: Heb. crush
7. when...: Heb. when she came
8. Pur: that is, Lot
9. fail: Heb. pass
10. fail: Heb. pass
11. perish: Heb. be ended
12. authority: Heb. strength
13. themselves: Heb. their souls