



1 When Mordecai<sup>H4782</sup> perceived<sup>H3045</sup> all that was done<sup>H6213</sup>, Mordecai<sup>H4782</sup> rent<sup>H7167</sup> his clothes<sup>H899</sup>, and put on<sup>H3847</sup> sackcloth<sup>H8242</sup> with ashes<sup>H665</sup>, and went out<sup>H3318</sup> into the midst<sup>H8432</sup> of the city<sup>H5892</sup>, and cried<sup>H2199</sup> with a loud<sup>H1419</sup> and a bitter<sup>H4751</sup> cry<sup>H2201</sup>; 2 And came<sup>H935</sup> even before<sup>H6440</sup> the king's<sup>H4428</sup> gate<sup>H8179</sup>: for none might enter<sup>H935</sup> into the king's<sup>H4428</sup> gate<sup>H8179</sup> clothed<sup>H3830</sup> with sackcloth<sup>H8242</sup>. 3 And in every province<sup>H4082</sup>, whithersoever<sup>H4725</sup> the king's<sup>H4428</sup> commandment<sup>H1697</sup> and his decree<sup>H1881</sup> came<sup>H5060</sup>, there was great<sup>H1419</sup> mourning<sup>H60</sup> among the Jews<sup>H3064</sup>, and fasting<sup>H6685</sup>, and weeping<sup>H1065</sup>, and wailing<sup>H4553</sup>; and many<sup>H7227</sup> lay<sup>H3331</sup> in sackcloth<sup>H8242</sup> and ashes<sup>H665</sup>. 4 So Esther's<sup>H635</sup> maids<sup>H5291</sup> and her chamberlains<sup>H5631</sup> came<sup>H935</sup> and told<sup>H5046</sup> it her. Then was the queen<sup>H4436</sup> exceedingly<sup>H3966</sup> grieved<sup>H2342</sup>, and she sent<sup>H7971</sup> raiment<sup>H899</sup> to clothe<sup>H3847</sup> Mordecai<sup>H4782</sup>, and to take away<sup>H5493</sup> his sackcloth<sup>H8242</sup> from him: but he received<sup>H6901</sup> it not.<sup>2</sup>

5 Then called<sup>H7121</sup> Esther<sup>H635</sup> for Hatach<sup>H2047</sup>, one of the king's<sup>H4428</sup> chamberlains<sup>H5631</sup>, whom he had appointed<sup>H5975</sup> to attend<sup>H6440</sup> upon her, and gave him a commandment<sup>H6680</sup> to Mordecai<sup>H4782</sup>, to know<sup>H3045</sup> what it was, and why it was.<sup>3</sup> 6 So Hatach<sup>H2047</sup> went forth<sup>H3318</sup> to Mordecai<sup>H4782</sup> unto the street<sup>H7339</sup> of the city<sup>H5892</sup>, which was before<sup>H6440</sup> the king's<sup>H4428</sup> gate<sup>H8179</sup>. 7 And Mordecai<sup>H4782</sup> told<sup>H5046</sup> him of all that had happened<sup>H7136</sup> unto him, and of the sum<sup>H6575</sup> of the money<sup>H3701</sup> that Haman<sup>H2001</sup> had promised<sup>H559</sup> to pay<sup>H8254</sup> to the king's<sup>H4428</sup> treasures<sup>H1595</sup> for the Jews<sup>H3064</sup>, to destroy<sup>H6</sup> them. 8 Also he gave<sup>H5414</sup> him the copy<sup>H6572</sup> of the writing<sup>H3791</sup> of the decree<sup>H1881</sup> that was given<sup>H5414</sup> at Shushan<sup>H7800</sup> to destroy<sup>H8045</sup> them, to shew<sup>H7200</sup> it unto Esther<sup>H635</sup>, and to declare<sup>H5046</sup> it unto her, and to charge<sup>H6680</sup> her that she should go in<sup>H935</sup> unto the king<sup>H4428</sup>, to make supplication<sup>H2603</sup> unto him, and to make request<sup>H1245</sup> before<sup>H6440</sup> him for her people<sup>H5971</sup>. 9 And Hatach<sup>H2047</sup> came<sup>H935</sup> and told<sup>H5046</sup> Esther<sup>H635</sup> the words<sup>H1697</sup> of Mordecai<sup>H4782</sup>. 10 Again Esther<sup>H635</sup> spake<sup>H559</sup> unto Hatach<sup>H2047</sup>, and gave him commandment<sup>H6680</sup> unto Mordecai<sup>H4782</sup>. 11 All the king's<sup>H4428</sup> servants<sup>H5650</sup>, and the people<sup>H5971</sup> of the king's<sup>H4428</sup> provinces<sup>H4082</sup>, do know<sup>H3045</sup>, that whosoever, whether man<sup>H376</sup> or woman<sup>H802</sup>, shall come<sup>H935</sup> unto the king<sup>H4428</sup> into the inner<sup>H6442</sup> court<sup>H2691</sup>, who is not called<sup>H7121</sup>, there is one<sup>H259</sup> law<sup>H1881</sup> of his to put him to death<sup>H4191</sup>, except<sup>H905</sup> such to whom the king<sup>H4428</sup> shall hold out<sup>H3447</sup> the golden<sup>H2091</sup> sceptre<sup>H8275</sup>, that he may live<sup>H2421</sup>: but I have not been called<sup>H7121</sup> to come in<sup>H935</sup> unto the king<sup>H4428</sup> these thirty<sup>H7970</sup> days<sup>H3117</sup>. 12 And they told<sup>H5046</sup> to Mordecai<sup>H4782</sup> Esther's<sup>H635</sup> words<sup>H1697</sup>. 13 Then Mordecai<sup>H4782</sup> commanded<sup>H559</sup> to answer<sup>H7725</sup> Esther<sup>H635</sup>, Think<sup>H1819</sup> not with thyself<sup>H5315</sup> that thou shalt escape<sup>H4422</sup> in the king's<sup>H4428</sup> house<sup>H1004</sup>, more than all the Jews<sup>H3064</sup>. 14 For if thou altogether<sup>H2790</sup> holdest thy peace<sup>H2790</sup> at this time<sup>H6256</sup>, then shall there enlargement<sup>H7305</sup> and deliverance<sup>H2020</sup> arise<sup>H5975</sup> to the Jews<sup>H3064</sup> from another<sup>H312</sup> place<sup>H4725</sup>; but thou and thy father's<sup>H1</sup> house<sup>H1004</sup> shall be destroyed<sup>H6</sup>: and who knoweth<sup>H3045</sup> whether thou art come<sup>H5060</sup> to the kingdom<sup>H4438</sup> for such a time<sup>H6256</sup> as this?<sup>4</sup> 15 Then Esther<sup>H635</sup> bade<sup>H559</sup> them return<sup>H7725</sup> Mordecai<sup>H4782</sup> this answer, 16 Go<sup>H3212</sup>, gather together<sup>H3664</sup> all the Jews<sup>H3064</sup> that are present<sup>H4672</sup> in Shushan<sup>H7800</sup>, and fast<sup>H6684</sup> ye for me, and neither eat<sup>H398</sup> nor drink<sup>H8354</sup> three<sup>H7969</sup> days<sup>H3117</sup>, night<sup>H3915</sup> or day<sup>H3117</sup>: I also and my maidens<sup>H5291</sup> will fast<sup>H6684</sup> likewise; and so<sup>H3651</sup> will I go<sup>H935</sup> in unto the king<sup>H4428</sup>, which is not according to the law<sup>H1881</sup>: and if I perish<sup>H6</sup>, I perish<sup>H6</sup>.<sup>5</sup> 17 So Mordecai<sup>H4782</sup> went his way<sup>H5674</sup>, and did<sup>H6213</sup> according to all that Esther<sup>H635</sup> had commanded<sup>H6680</sup> him.<sup>6</sup>

## Fußnoten

1. many...: Heb. sackcloth and ashes were laid under many
2. chamberlains: Heb. eunuchs
3. appointed...: Heb. set before her
4. enlargement: Heb. respiration
5. present: Heb. found

6. went....: Heb. passed