



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

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

## Fußnoten

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