



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

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

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

## 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