It was on the third day אַרִישִּׁי בּיֵוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי

and Esther dressed in royalty מַלְכֿוּת

and she stood וַהַעַמִּד

in the inner courtyard of the king בְּחֲצַר בֵּית־הַמֶּּלֶךְ הַפְּנִימִּית

opposite the house of the king, נָבֶח בַּיֶּת הַמֶּלֶךְ

and the king was sitting יוֹהֶמֶלֶךְ יוֹשֶׁב

on his royal throne עַל־כָּפָא מַלְכוּתוֹּ

in the royal house (palace) בְּבֵית הַמַּלְכֹּוּת

opposite the entrance of the house. נֶּבֶה הַבֶּיִת:

It was when the king saw בַּוָהָי בְרָאוֹת הַמֵּלֶך

Queen Esther אֶת־אֶסְתֵּר הַמֵּלְכָּה

standing in the courtyard, עֹמֶּדֶתֹ בֶּחְצֵּׁר

she found favor in his eyes נְשְׂאֵה הֵן בְּעֵינְיֵוּ

and the king extended to Esther רַּיּוֹשֵׁט הַמֵּלֶךְ לְאֵסְתֵּר

the golden scepter (stick) אֶת־שַׁרְבֶּיט הַזָּהָב

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that was in his hand,

אָשֶׁר בְּיָדׁוֹ

and Esther came forth

וַתִּקְרַב אֶסְתֵּר

and she touched

וַתִגָּע

the top of the stick.

בָרָאשׁ הַשַּׁרְבֵיט:

The king said to her,

ג וַיָּאמֶר לָהֹ הַמֶּּלֶךְ

"What concerns you Queen Esther

מַה־לָּךְ אֶסְתֵּר הַמַּלְכָּה

and what is your request?

ומַה־בַּקּשָׁתֵּדְ

Up until half of the kingdom (you can ask for)

עַר־חָצִי הַמַּלְכִוּת

and it will be given to you."

וְינָתְן לֶך:

Esther said,

ד וַתְּאֹמֶר אֶסְתֵּר

"If it is good for the king

אָם־עַל־הַמֵּלֵדְ טְוֹב

the king and Haman shall come today

יָבוֹא הַמֵּלֶךְ וִהָמֶן הַיּוֹם

to the feast

אֶל־הַמִּשְׁתֶּה

that I have prepared for him."

אַשֶר־עָשֵיתִי לְוֹ:

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The king said, ד וַיֵּאמֶר הַמֶּּלֶךְ

"Hurry Haman מַהַרוֹּ אֵת־הָמֶּׁן

to do

the word of Esther." אֶת־דְּבֶר אֶּסְתֵּר

The king and Haman came נִיּבָא הַמֶּלֶךְ וְהָלֶּוְ

to the feast אֶל־הַמִּשְׁתָּה

that Esther had prepared. :אַשֶּׁר־עָשִׂתָה אֱסָתֵּר

The king said to Esther בְּמֶלֶךְ לְאֶסְתֵּר הַמֶּלֶךְ לְאֶסְתֵּר

at the feast of wine, בְּמִשְׁתֵּה הַיַּיִן

"What is your petition? מַה־שַּׁאֶּלֶתֶך

And it shall be given to you. יְיָנֶתוֹ לֶדְ

And what is your request? רְמַה־בַּקְשָׁתֶּך

Up until half of the kingdom (you may request) עַר־חֲצֶי הַמַּלְכָוּת

and it shall be done." יְהֵעְשׂ:

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Esther answered זְוַמְעַן אֶּסְתֵּר

and she said, וַתֹּאַכֵּיֶר

"My petition and my request....(is). ישָאֵלֶתִי וּבַקְשָׁתִי:

If I have found favor הַּמְבַּאַתִי הֵוֹן

in the eyes of the king בְּעֵינֵי הַמֶּּלֶך

and if it is good for the king וּאָם־עַל־הַמֶּלֶךְ טוֹב

to grant my petition לֶתֶת אֶת־שָּאֶלֶתִי

and to do my request, וְלַשֲשָׁוֹת אֶת־בַּקַשְׁתֵי

the king and Haman shall come יָבֶוֹא הַמֶּלֶךְ וְהָמָוֹן

to the feast אֶל־הַמִּשְׁתֶּה

that I shall prepare for them, אֲשֶׁבֶּה לְהֶּם

and tomorrow I shall do וּמְחֵר אֱעֱשֶׂה

like the word of the king." :בְּרַבֶּר הַמֶּלֶך:

Haman went out on that day

ט וַיָּצֵא הָמֶן בַּיִּוֹם הַהֹוּא

happy

מָּמָח

and with a glad heart.

וְמָוֹב לֻב

And when Haman saw Mordichai

וְכִרְאוֹת בּמָן אֶת־מֶרְדְּכַי

at the gate of the king

בְשַׁעַר הַמָּּלֶך

and he (Mordichai) did not stand

וְלֹאֵ־קֶםׂ

and he did not move because of him

וְלֹא־זָע מִמֶּנוּ

Haman became filled with rage against Mordichai.

וַיִּפְּלֵא הָמָן עַל־מָרְדְּכַי חַמָּה:

Haman held himself back

י וַיִּתְאַפַּק הָלָּון

and he came to his house

וַיָּבְוֹא אֵל־בֵּיתִוֹ

and he sent (messengers)

נישלח

and he brought his friends

וַיָּבֶא אֶת־אְהֲבֶיו

and Zeresh his wife.

וָאֶת־זֶרֵשׁ אִשְׁתְּוֹ:

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יא וַיִסַפֵּר לְהֵם הָמָן Haman told them about the glory of his wealth אָת־כָּבְוֹד עֲשִׁרְוֹ וְרָב בָנְיוּ and his many sons וָאֵת פָל־אֲשֶׁר וּדְּלְוֹ הַמֶּּלֶדְ and all about how the king raised him ואת אשר נשאו and how he elevated him עַל־הַשָּׂרִים over the officers וְעַבְּבֵי הַמֶּלֶּך:

יב וַיּאמֶר הַמַּן Haman said. אַף לא־הַבִּיאָה אָסְהֵּר הַמַּלְבָּה "Also Queen Esther did not bring עם-הַמֵּלֵךְ (to be) with the king אַל־הַמִּשָׁתָה אֲשֵׁר־עָשָׂתָה at the feast that she made כֵי אָם־אוֹתֵי but me וְגַם־לְמָחֶר and also tomorrow אָנֵי קרוּא־לֶה I am invited by her עם־הַמֵּלֶּך: (to be) with the king.

and the servants of the king.

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And all of this יג וְכֶל־יֶּה

is not worth (anything) to me

every time בְּכָל־שֵׁת

that I see אֲשֶׁר אֲנֵי רֹאֶה

Mordichai the Jew אֶת־מֶרְהֶּכֵי הַיְהוּדִּׁי

sitting at the gate of the king." : יוֹשֵׁב בְּשַׁעַר הַמֶּלֶך:

Zeresh his wife said to him אַשְׁתוֹ אָשֶׁתוֹ לוֹ זֶּרֶשׁ אִשְּׁתוֹ אַ Zeresh his wife said to him

and all his friends, וְכַל־אָהַבִּיוּ

"Let them make a gallows (of wood) רָעֵשוֹּר־עֵייָ

fifty cubits tall נְּבָהַ חֲמִשֶּׁים אַמָּה

and in the morning וּבַבַּקרוּ

say to the king אֶּמָיר לַמֶּלֶךְ

and they shall hang Mordichai on it. וְיִתְלָּוּ אֱת־מֶרְדֶּכֵי עֶלֶיו

And (as such) come with the king רְבְאֹ־עָם־הַמֶּלֶךְ

to the feast אֶל־הַמִּשְׁתֶּה happy." The matter was good יִישֵּב הַדָּבֶּר before Haman לְבְּנֵי הָמֶן and he made the gallows.