

¹After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were with him.²And all the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, bowed, and revered Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence.³Then the king's servants, which were in the king's gate, said unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king's commandment?⁴Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's matters would stand: for he had told them that he was a Jew.⁵And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath.⁶And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai.⁷In the first month, that is , the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that is , the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, to the twelfth month , that is , the month Adar.⁸And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it is not for the king's profit to suffer them.⁹If it please the king, let it be written that they may be

¹بَعْدَ هَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ عَظَّمَ الْمَلِكُ أَحْشَوِيرُوشَ هَامَانَ بْنِ هَمْدَانَا الْأَجَاغِيِّ وَجَعَلَ كُرْسِيَّهٖ فَوْقَ جَمِيعِ الرُّؤَسَاءِ الَّذِينَ مَعَهُ.²فَكَانَ كُلُّ عَبِيدِ الْمَلِكِ الَّذِينَ يَبِابِ الْمَلِكِ يَجْتَنُونَ وَيَسْجُدُونَ لِهَامَانَ لِأَنَّهُ هَكَذَا أَوْصَى بِهِ الْمَلِكُ. وَأَمَّا مُرْدَخَايُ فَلَمْ يَجُثْ وَلَمْ يَسْجُدْ.³فَقَالَ عَبِيدُ الْمَلِكِ الَّذِينَ يَبِابِ الْمَلِكِ لِمُرْدَخَايَ، لِمَاذَا تَتَعَدَّى أَمْرَ الْمَلِكِ.⁴وَإِذْ كَانُوا يُكَلِّمُونَهُ يَوْمًا قِيَوْمًا وَلَمْ يَكُنْ يَسْمَعُ لَهُمْ، أَحْبَرُوا هَامَانَ لِيَرَوْا هَلْ يَقُومُ كَلَامُ مُرْدَخَايَ، لِأَنَّهُ أَحْبَرَهُمْ بِأَنَّهُ يَهُودِيٌّ.⁵وَلَمَّا رَأَى هَامَانُ أَنَّ مُرْدَخَايَ لَا يَجُثُّ وَلَا يَسْجُدُ لَهُ امْتَلَأَ هَامَانُ غَضَبًا.⁶وَإِزْدَرَى فِي عَيْنَيْهِ أَنْ يَبْذُلَ يَدَهُ إِلَى مُرْدَخَايَ وَخُدَّهٖ، لِأَنَّهُمْ أَحْبَرُوهُ عَنْ شَعْبِ مُرْدَخَايَ. فَطَلَبَ هَامَانُ أَنْ يُهْلِكَ جَمِيعَ الْيَهُودِ الَّذِينَ فِي كُلِّ مَمْلَكَةِ أَحْشَوِيرُوشَ، شَعْبَ مُرْدَخَايَ.⁷فِي الشَّهْرِ الْأَوَّلِ أَيَّ شَهْرٍ نِيِسَانَ فِي السَّنَةِ الثَّانِيَةِ عَشْرَةَ لِلْمَلِكِ أَحْشَوِيرُوشَ كَانُوا يُلْقُونَ قُورًا أَيَّ فُرْعَةً أَمَامَ هَامَانَ مِنْ يَوْمٍ إِلَى يَوْمٍ وَمِنْ شَهْرٍ إِلَى شَهْرٍ إِلَى الثَّانِي عَشَرَ أَيَّ شَهْرٍ آدَارَ. فَقَالَ هَامَانُ لِلْمَلِكِ أَحْشَوِيرُوشَ، إِنَّهُ مُوجُودٌ شَعْبٌ مَا مُتَشَبَّهٌ وَمُتَفَرِّقٌ بَيْنَ الشُّعُوبِ فِي كُلِّ بِلَادِ مَمْلَكَتِكَ، وَسُنَّتُهُمْ مُعَايِرَةٌ لِجَمِيعِ الشُّعُوبِ، وَهُمْ لَا يَعْمَلُونَ سُنَّتَ الْمَلِكِ فَلَا يَلِيقُ بِالْمَلِكِ تَرْكُهُمْ.⁹فَإِذَا حَسَنَ عِنْدَ الْمَلِكِ فَلْيُكْتَبْ أَنْ يُبَادُوا، وَأَنَا أَرُزُّ عَشْرَةَ آلَافٍ وَزَيْتَةً مِنَ الْفِصَّةِ فِي أَيْدِي الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ الْعَمَلَ لِيُؤْتَى بِهَا إِلَى خَزَائِنِ الْمَلِكِ.¹⁰فَتَرَعَ الْمَلِكُ خَاتِمَهُ مِنْ يَدِهِ وَأَعْطَاهُ لِهَامَانَ بْنِ هَمْدَانَا الْأَجَاغِيِّ عَدُوَّ الْيَهُودِ. وَقَالَ الْمَلِكُ لِهَامَانَ، الْفِصَّةُ قَدْ أُعْطِيَتْ لَكَ، وَالشَّعْبُ أَيْضًا لَتَفْعَلْ بِهِ مَا يَحْسُنُ فِي عَيْنَيْكَ.¹²فَدُعِيَ كُتَّابُ الْمَلِكِ فِي الشَّهْرِ الْأَوَّلِ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّالِثِ عَشَرَ مِنْهُ، وَكُتِبَ حَسَبَ كُلِّ مَا أَمَرَ بِهِ هَامَانُ إِلَى مَرَاثَةِ الْمَلِكِ وَإِلَى وِلَاةِ بِلَادِ فِيلَاذٍ، وَإِلَى رُؤَسَاءِ شَعْبٍ فَشَعْبٍ، كُلِّ بِلَادٍ كُتِبَتْ بِهَا وَكُلُّ شَعْبٍ كِلِسَانِيهِ، كُتِبَ بِاسْمِ الْمَلِكِ أَحْشَوِيرُوشَ وَخُتِمَ بِخَاتَمِ الْمَلِكِ،¹³وَأُرْسِلَتِ الْكِتَابَاتُ بِيَدِ السَّعَاةِ إِلَى كُلِّ بُلْدَانِ الْمَلِكِ لِإِهْلَاكِ وَقْتِلِ وَإِبَادَةِ جَمِيعِ الْيَهُودِ مِنَ الْعِلَامِ إِلَى الشَّيْخِ وَالْأَطْفَالِ وَالنِّسَاءِ فِي يَوْمٍ، وَاجِدٍ فِي الثَّالِثِ عَشَرَ مِنَ الشَّهْرِ الثَّانِي عَشَرَ أَيَّ شَهْرٍ آدَارَ وَأَنْ يَسْلُبُوا عَيْنَتَهُمْ.¹⁴صُورَةُ الْكِتَابَةِ الْمُعْطَاةِ سُنَّةً فِي كُلِّ الْبُلْدَانِ أَشْهَرَتْ بَيْنَ جَمِيعِ الشُّعُوبِ لِيَكُونُوا مُسْتَعِدِّينَ لِهَذَا الْيَوْمِ.¹⁵فَخَرَجَ السَّعَاةُ وَأَمَرَ الْمَلِكُ يَحْتُمُّهُمْ، وَأَعْطِيَ الْأَمْرَ فِي شُوشَنِ الْقَصْرِ. وَجَلَسَ الْمَلِكُ وَهَامَانُ لِلشَّرْبِ، وَأَمَّا الْمَدِينَةُ شُوشَنُ فَارْتَبَكَتْ.

destroyed: and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring it into the king's treasuries.¹⁰ And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' enemy.¹¹ And the king said unto Haman, The silver is given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee.¹² Then were the king's scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors that were over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring.¹³ And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey.¹⁴ The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, that they should be ready against that day.¹⁵ The posts went out, being hastened by the king's commandment, and the decree was given in Shushan the palace. And the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city Shushan was perplexed.