

¹فَجَاءَ الْمَلِكُ وَهَامَانُ لِيَشْرَبَا عِنْدَ أَسْتِيرِ الْمَلِكَةِ. ²فَقَالَ الْمَلِكُ لَأَسْتِيرَ فِي الْيَوْمِ الثَّانِي أَيْضاً عِنْدَ شُرْبِ الْخَمْرِ، مَا هُوَ سُؤْلُكَ يَا أَسْتِيرُ الْمَلِكَةُ قَبِّلِي لَكَ وَمَا هِيَ طَلِبَتُكَ. وَلَوْ إِلَى نَصْفِ الْمَمْلَكَةِ تُقْضَى. ³فَأَجَابَتْ أَسْتِيرُ الْمَلِكَةَ، إِنَّ كُنْتُ قَدْ وَجَدْتُ نِعْمَةً فِي عَيْنَيْكَ أَيُّهَا الْمَلِكُ، وَإِذَا حَسَنَ عِنْدَ الْمَلِكِ، فَلْتُعْطَ لِي تَفْسِي بِسُؤْلِي وَتَفْسِي بِطَلِبَتِي. ⁴لَأَنَا قَدْ يَغْتَابُنَا أَوَّارَةُ لَنَا وَلِشَعْبِي لِلْهَلَاكِ وَالْقَتْلِ وَالْإِبَادَةِ. وَلَوْ يَغْتَابُنَا عَيْدُ وَإِمَاءُ لَكُنْتُ سَكَنْتُ، مَعَ أَنَّ الْعَدُوَّ لَا يُعْوضُ عَنْ خَسَارَةِ الْمَلِكِ. ⁵فَقَالَ الْمَلِكُ أَسْتِيرُ أَسْتِيرُ أَسْتِيرُ لَأَسْتِيرَ الْمَلِكَةَ، مَنْ هُوَ وَأَيْنَ هُوَ هَذَا الَّذِي يَجَاسِرُ بِقَلْبِهِ عَلَى أَنْ يَفْعَلَ هَكَذَا. ⁶فَقَالَتْ أَسْتِيرُ، هُوَ رَجُلٌ خَصِمٌ وَعَدُوٌّ. هَذَا هَامَانُ الرَّدِيءُ. فَارْتَاعَ هَامَانُ أَمَامَ الْمَلِكِ وَالْمَلِكَةِ. ⁷فَقَامَ الْمَلِكُ يَعْطِطُهُ عَنْ شُرْبِ الْخَمْرِ إِلَى جَنَّةِ الْقَصْرِ، وَوَقَفَ هَامَانُ لِيَتَوَسَّلَ عَنْ تَفْسِيهِ إِلَى أَسْتِيرِ الْمَلِكَةِ لِأَنَّهُ رَأَى أَنَّ الشَّرَّ قَدْ أَعَدَّ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ قَبْلِ الْمَلِكِ. ⁸وَلَمَّا رَجَعَ الْمَلِكُ مِنْ جَنَّةِ الْقَصْرِ إِلَى بَيْتِ شُرْبِ الْخَمْرِ، وَهَامَانُ مُتَوَاقِعٌ عَلَى السَّرِيرِ الَّذِي كَانَتْ أَسْتِيرُ عَلَيْهِ، قَالَ الْمَلِكُ، هَلْ أَيْضاً يَكْسِرُ الْمَلِكَةُ فِي الْبَيْتِ. وَلَمَّا خَرَجَتِ الْكَلِمَةُ مِنْ فَمِ الْمَلِكِ عَطَوْا وَجْهَ هَامَانٍ. ⁹فَقَالَ جَرُوبَتَا، وَاجِدْ مِنَ الْخَصِيَّانِ الَّذِينَ بَيْنَ يَدَيِ الْمَلِكِ، هُوَذَا الْخَشَبَةُ أَيْضاً الَّتِي عَمِلَهَا هَامَانُ لِمُرْدَحَايِ الَّذِي تَكَلَّمَ بِالْحَيَرِ نَحْوَ الْمَلِكِ قَائِمَةً فِي بَيْتِ هَامَانِ، ازْبِقْهَا حَمْسُونَ ذِرَاعاً. فَقَالَ الْمَلِكُ، اضْلُبُوهُ عَلَيْهَا. ¹⁰فَصَلَبُوا هَامَانَ عَلَى الْخَشَبَةِ الَّتِي أَعَدَّهَا لِمُرْدَحَايِ. ثُمَّ سَكَنَ عَصَبُ الْمَلِكِ.

¹ So the king and Haman came to banquet with Esther the queen. ² And the king said again unto Esther on the second day at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? and it shall be performed, even to the half of the kingdom. ³ Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request: ⁴ For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not countervail the king's damage. ⁵ Then the king Ahasuerus answered and said unto Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is he, that durst presume in his heart to do so? ⁶ And Esther said, The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen. ⁷ And the king arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath went into the palace garden: and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king. ⁸ Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon the bed whereon Esther was. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face. ⁹ And Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, said before the king, Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which

Haman had made for Mordecai, who had spoken good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him thereon.¹⁰ So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.