

8 Queen Ecter also, being in fear of death, resorted to **Yahuah**: 2 And laid away her glorious apparel, and put on the garments of anguish and mourning: and instead of precious ointments, she covered her head with ashes and dung, and she humbled her body greatly, and all the places of her joy she filled with her torn hair. 3 And she prayed to **Yahuah El ayim** of Yashar`el, saying:

O **Yahuah**, you only are our King: help me, a desolate woman, which have no helper but you: 4 For my danger is in my hand. 5 From my youth I have heard in the tribe of my family that you, O **Yahuah**, took Yashar`el from among all people, and our fathers from all their predecessors, for a perpetual inheritance, and you have performed whatsoever you promised them. 6 And now we have sinned before you: therefore, have you put us into the hands of our enemies, 7 Because we worshipped their el ayim: O **Yahuah**, you are righteous. 8 Nevertheless it satisfies them not, that we are in bitter captivity: but they have stricken hands with their idols, 9 That they will abolish the thing that you with your mouth have ordained, and destroy your inheritance, and stop the mouth of those who praise you, and quench the glory of your house, and of your altar, 10 And open the mouths of the heathen to set forth the praises of the idols, and to magnify a fleshly king forever. 11 O **Yahuah**, give not your Scepter to those who are nothing, and let them not laugh at our fall; but turn their device upon themselves, and make him an example, which has begun this against us. 12 Remember, O **Yahuah**, make yourself known in time of our affliction, and give me boldness, O King of the nations, and **Yahuah** of all power. 13 Give me eloquence in the speech of my mouth before the lion: turn his heart to hate him who fights against us, that there may be an end of him, and of all that are likeminded to him: 14 But deliver us with your hand, and help me that am desolate, and which have no other help but you. 15 You know all things, O **Yahuah**; you know that I hate the glory of the unrighteous, and abhor the bed of the uncircumcised, and of all the heathen. 16 You know my necessity: for I abhor the sign of my high estate, which is upon my head in the days wherein I show myself, and that I abhor it as a menstruous rag, and that I wear it not when I am private by myself. 17 And your handmaid has not eaten at Haman's table, and that I have not greatly esteemed the king's feast, nor drunk the wine of the drink offerings. 18 Neither had your handmaid any joy since the day that I was brought here to this present, but in you, O **Yahuah El ayim** of Avraham. 19 O **El El ayim** above all, hear the voice of the forlorn and deliver us out of the hands of the mischievous, and deliver me out of my fear.

9 And upon the third day, when she had ended her prayers, she laid away her mourning garments, and put on her glorious apparel. 2 And being gloriously adorned, after she had called upon **El ayim**, who is the beholder and Savior of all things, she took two maids with her: 3 And upon the one she leaned, as carrying herself daintily; 4 And the other followed, bearing up her train. 5 And she was ruddy through the perfection of her beauty, and her countenance was cheerful and very amiable: but her heart was in anguish for fear. 6 Then having passed through all the doors, she stood before the king, who sat upon his royal throne, and was clothed with all his robes of majesty, all glittering with gold and precious stones; and he was very dreadful. 7 Then lifting up his countenance that shone with majesty, he looked very fiercely upon her: and the queen fell down, and was pale, and fainted, and bowed herself upon the head of the maid that went before her. 8 Then **El ayim** changed the Breath of the king into mildness, who in a fear leaped from his throne, and took her in his arms, till she came to herself again, and comforted her with loving words and said to her, 9 Ecter, what is the matter? I am your brother, be of good cheer: 10 You shall not die, though our commandment be general: come near. 11 And so he held up his golden scepter, and laid it upon her neck, 12 And embraced her, and said:

Speak to me. **13** Then said she to him, I saw you, my adoniy, as a messenger of **Elayim**, and my heart was troubled for fear of your majesty. **14** For wonderful are you, adoniy, and your countenance is full of grace. **15** And as she was speaking, she fell in faintness. **16** Then the king was troubled, and all his servants comforted her.

17 Then said the king to her: What will you, Queen Ecter? And what is your request? It shall be even given to you to the half of the kingdom. **18** And Ecter answered: If it seems good to the king, let the king and Haman come this day to the banquet that I have prepared for him. **19** Then the king said: Cause Haman to make haste, that he may do as Ecter has said. So, the king and Haman came to the banquet that Ecter had prepared.

20 And the king said to Ecter at the banquet of wine: What is your petition? And it shall be granted to you: and what is your request? Even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed. **21** Then answered Ecter and said: This is my petition and my request: **22** If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do tomorrow as the king has said.

23 Then went Haman forth that day joyful and with a glad heart: but when Haman saw Mordekai in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation against Mordekai. **24** Nevertheless Haman refrained himself: and when he came home, he sent and called for his friends, and Zeresh his woman. **25** And Haman told them of the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all the things wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king. **26** Haman said moreover: Yea, Ecter the queen did let no man come in with the king to the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and tomorrow am I invited to her also with the king. **27** Yet all this avails me nothing, so long as I see Mordekai the Yahudiy sitting at the king's gate.

28 Then said Zeresh his woman and all his friends to him: Let gallows be made, fifty cubits high, and tomorrow speak to the king that Mordekai may be hanged thereon: then go in merrily with the king to the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made.

10 On that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the cepher of records of the chronicles; and they were read before the king. **2** And it was found written that Mordekai had told of Bigthan and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king Achashverosh. **3** And the king said: What honor and dignity has been done to Mordekai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered to him: There is nothing done for him.

4 And the king said: Who is in the court? Now Haman had come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak to the king to hang Mordekai on the gallows that he had prepared for him. **5** And the king's servants said to him: Behold, Haman stands in the court. And the king said: Let him come in. **6** So Haman came in. And the king said to him: What shall be done to the man whom the king delights to honor? Now Haman thought in his heart: To whom would the king delight to do honor more than to myself? **7** And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delights to honor, **8** Let the royal apparel be brought which the king uses to wear, and the horse that the king rides upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head: **9** And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man withal whom the king delights to honor, and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him: Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delights to honor. **10** Then the king said to Haman: Make haste,