

Mordechai on HaEtz that he had erected for him. [T.N. See *Moshiach Ben Dovid hanging on a tree 2Sm 18:10 as well as the specter of the same fate for this descendant of the first royal family of Israel*].

|5| And the servants of HaMelech said unto him, Hinei, Haman standeth in the khatzer. And HaMelech said, Let him come in.

|6| So Haman came in. And HaMelech said unto him, What shall be done unto the ish whom HaMelech delighteth to show yekar (*see 1:4,20; 6:3*)? Now Haman thought in his lev, To whom would HaMelech delight to do yekar more than to myself?

|7| And Haman answered HaMelech, For the ish HaMelech delighteth to show yekar (honor)

|8| Let the levush malkhut (royal robe, clothing) be brought which HaMelech has worn, and the sus (horse) that HaMelech rideth upon, and the keter malkhut (royal crown, crest) which is set upon its head,

|9| And let this levush and sus be delivered to the hand of one of the most noble sarim (princes) of HaMelech, that they may array the ish therewith whom HaMelech delighteth to show yekar [*see 1:4,20;6:3,6*], and bring him on horseback through the rechof of the ir, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the ish whom HaMelech delighteth to show yekar.

|10| Then HaMelech said to Haman, Make haste, and take the levush and the sus, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordechai HaYehudi, that sitteth at the Sha'ar HaMelech; leave nothing undone of all that thou hast spoken.

|11| Then took Haman the levush and the sus, and arrayed Mordechai, and brought him on horseback through the rechof of the ir, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the ish whom HaMelech delighteth to show yekar.

|12| And Mordechai came again to the Sha'ar HaMelech. But Haman hastened to his bais, having his head covered in evel (mourning [*see 4:3*]).

|13| And Haman told Zeresh his isha and all his ohavim everything that had befallen him. Then said his chachamim and Zeresh his isha unto him, If Mordechai be of the zera of the Yehudim, before whom thy downfall hast begun, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt nafol tipol (surely fall) before him [*see Mt 27:19*].

|14| And while they were yet talking with him, came the sarisim of HaMelech, and hastened to bring Haman unto the mishteh (banquet) that Ester had prepared.

7 So HaMelech and Haman came to banquet with Ester HaMalkah.

|2| And HaMelech said again unto Ester on the yom hasheni (second day) at the mishteh hayayin (feast), What is thy she'elah (petition), Ester HaMalkah? And it shall be granted thee; and what is thy bakash (request)? And it shall be performed, even to chatzi HaMalchut.

|3| Then Ester HaMalkah answered and said, If I have found chen (favor) in thy sight, O HaMelech, and if it is tov to HaMelech, let nafshi (my life) be given me at my she'elah (petition), and my Am at my bakash (request);

|4| For we are sold, Ani (I) and Ami (my People), to be made shmad, to be slain, and

to be annihilated. But if we had been sold for avadim and shfakhot, I would have held my tongue, since then the tzoros would not have been such as to injure the interests of HaMelech.

|5| Then HaMelech Achashverosh answered and said unto Ester HaMalkah, Who is he, and where is he, who dares to presume in his lev to do such?

|6| And Ester said, HaTzar (the foe) and the oyev (enemy) is this Haman HaRah (Vile Haman). Then Haman was terrified before HaMelech and HaMalkah.

|7| And HaMelech, arising in his wrath from the mishteh hayayin, went into the palace garden; and Haman stood up to make bakash (request) for his nefesh (life) to Ester HaMalkah; for he saw that harm was determined against him by HaMelech.

|8| Then HaMelech returned out of the palace garden into the Bais Mishteh HaYayin, and Haman was fallen upon the mittah (couch, [*see 1:6 mittot, couches*]) whereon Ester was. Then said HaMelech, Will he ravish HaMalkah also before me in the bais? As the davar (word) went out of the mouth of HaMelech, they covered Haman's face.

|9| And Charvonah, one of the sarisim, said before HaMelech, Hinei, also, HaEtz fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordechai, who has spoken tov for HaMelech, standeth in the Bais Haman. Then HaMelech said, Hang him thereon.

|10| So they hanged Haman on HaEtz that he had prepared for Mordechai. Then was the wrath of HaMelech pacified [*Ps 24:10; Isa 53:11*].