

ז וְהַמֶּלֶךְ קָם בַּחֲמָתוֹ מִמְּשֻׁתָּה הַיּוֹן

אֶל גִּנַּת הַבַּיִתוֹ

וְהָמוֹ עָמַד לְבַקֵּשׁ עַל נַפְשׁוֹ מֵאַסְתֵּר הַמַּלְכָּה

כִּי רָאָה

כִּי כָלְתָה אֵלָיו הָרָעָה מֵאֵת הַמֶּלֶךְ:

ח וְהַמֶּלֶךְ שָׁב מִגִּנַּת הַבַּיִתוֹ

אֶל בַּיִת אֲמֻשֻׁתָּה הַיּוֹן

וְהָמוֹ נָפַל עַל הַמֶּטֶה

אֲשֶׁר אֵסְתֵּר עָלֶיהָ

וַיֹּאמֶר הַמֶּלֶךְ

הַגַּם לְכַבּוֹשׁ אֶת הַמַּלְכָּה עִמִּי בַּבַּיִת

הַדָּבָר יֵצֵא מִפִּי הַמֶּלֶךְ

וּפְנֵי הָמוֹ חָפוּ:

ט וַיֹּאמֶר חֲרֻבוֹנָה

אֶחָד מִן הַסָּרִיסִים לִפְנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ

גַּם הִנֵּה הָעֵץ אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה הָמוֹ

לְמַרְדְּכִי אֲשֶׁר דָּבָר טוֹב עַל הַמֶּלֶךְ

עָמַד בְּבַיִת הָמוֹ

גְּבוּהַ חֲמָשִׁים אַמָּה

וַיֹּאמֶר הַמֶּלֶךְ תִּלְהוּ עָלָיו:

י וַיִּתְּלוּ אֶת הָמוֹ עַל הָעֵץ

אֲשֶׁר הִכִּין לְמַרְדְּכִי

וַחֲמַת הַמֶּלֶךְ שָׁכְכָה:

1. What does the king do after hearing Esther's request ? Why ?
2. Where does the king go ?
3. Were the king's actions wise?
4. What evidence does this show about Hashem's Divine supervision ?
5. What does Haman do before Esther ? Why ?
6. What was the king thinking about before returning to the feast ?
7. What happened to Haman just as the king returned ?
8. How did that event occur ?
9. What did the king say after he returned to the party ?
10. What did the servants do upon hearing this ? Why ? (2)
11. Who was Charvona ?
12. What did he tell the king ?
13. How did Charvona know this information ? (2)
14. Why do the words of Charvona seal Haman's fate ?
15. What does the king order after hearing Charvona's words ?
16. How was it possible for the order to be so swiftly executed without consultation of the advisors ?
17. Why do the Rabbi's tell us that "Charvona should be remembered for the good?"
18. How did the king feel after his orders were executed?
19. Why is the letter "chuf" written twice in the word that means "abated?" (2)