

ESITERI

Kweherio kwa Vashiti Mütumia wa Muthamaki

¹ Na rĩrĩ, ũũ nĩguo gwekĩkire matukũ-inĩ ma Ahasuerusu, o we Ahasuerusu ũrĩa waathaga mabũrũri 127 marĩa moimĩte kuuma bũrũri wa Ahĩndĩ o nginya bũrũri wa Akushi.*

² Matukũ-inĩ macio-rĩ, Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu aathamakaga arĩ gĩtĩ-inĩ gĩake kĩa ũnene thĩinĩ wa nyũmba ya ũthamaki kũu gũikaro kĩgitĩre kĩa mũthamaki gĩa Shushani,†

³ na mwaka wa gatatũ wa wathani wake, nĩarugithĩirie andũ ake othe arĩa maarĩ igweta na anene iruga. Nao atongoria a mbũtũ cia ita cia Perisia na cia Media, na abarũthi na andũ arĩa maarĩ igweta a mabũrũri maarĩ kuo.

⁴ Nake akĩonania ũtonga mũnene wa ũthamaki wake na ũkengi na riiri wa ũnene wake, ihinda rĩa matukũ 180.

⁵ Matukũ macio maathira, mũthamaki nĩarugithirie iruga, rĩrĩa rĩaikarire mũthenya mũgwanja, narĩo rĩarĩ thĩinĩ wa mũgũnda ũrĩa warĩ mũirigĩre wa nyũmba ya mũthamaki, rĩkĩrugĩrwo andũ othe kuuma ũrĩa mũnini nginya ũrĩa mũnene, arĩa maarĩ kũu thĩinĩ wa gũikaro kĩrĩa kĩaĩrĩ kĩirigĩre gĩa Shushani.

* **1:1** Wathani wagayanĩtio ng'ongo 127, na o rũgongo rũkagayanio na mabũrũri. † **1:2** Shushani rĩarĩ itũũra rĩmwe inene rĩa marĩa mana ma ũthamaki ũcio; macio mangĩ matatũ maarĩ Babuloni, Perisiapoli, na Ekibatani.

⁶ Mũgũnda ũcio warĩ na mĩcuurio ya gatani ya rangi mwerũ na ya rangi wa bururu, nayo yohanĩtio na mĩkanda ya gatani ya rangi mwerũ na ya rangi wa ndathi, ikoohererwo icũhĩ-inĩ cia betha iria cianyitithanĩtio na itugĩ cia mahiga marĩa mega merũ. Nĩ kwarĩ na itĩ cia gũikarĩra cia thahabu na cia betha‡ iria ciaigĩtwo kũndũ kwarĩtwo mahiga ma nyaigĩ, na mahiga mega merũ, na mahiga ma rangi wa ngoikoni, na mahiga mangĩ ma goro mũno.

⁷ Ndibei yaheanagwo na ikombe cia thahabu, na gũtirĩ kĩaahanaine na kĩrĩa kĩngĩ, na ndibei ya nyũmba ya ũthamaki yarĩ nyingĩ mũno o ta ũrĩa ũtaana wa mũthamaki watariĩ.

⁸ Kũringana na watho wa mũthamaki, o mũgeni nĩeetĩkĩritio kũnyua kĩrĩa angĩendire, nĩ ũndũ mũthamaki nĩathĩte aheani othe a ndibei mahe o mũndũ kĩrĩa eendaga.

⁹ O nake Vashiti, mũtumia wa mũthamaki, nĩarugithĩirie andũ-a-nja iruga o kũu nyũmba-inĩ ya ũthamaki ya Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu.

¹⁰ Mũthenya wa mũgwanja, hĩndĩ irĩa Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu aakenete nĩ ũndũ wa kũnyua ndibei, agĩatha ndungata iria mũgwanja ciarĩ hakũre iria ciamũtungatagĩra, nĩcio Mehumani, na Bizatha, na Haribona, na Bigatha, na Abagutha, na Zetharu, na Karikasi,

¹¹ irehe Vashiti, ũcio mũtumia wa mũthamaki mbere yake ekĩrĩte tanji yake ya ũthamaki, nĩgeetha onanie ũthaka wake kũrĩ andũ, o na ningĩ kũrĩ andũ arĩa maarĩ igweta, nĩgũkorwo aarĩ kũrorerwa.

‡ 1:6 Andũ a Perisia maarĩaga metambũrũkítie ifĩ-inĩ.

¹² No rĩria ndungata icio ciakinyirie watho wa mũthamaki, Vashiti mũtumia wa mũthamaki akĩrega gũthiĩ. Hĩndĩ ĩyo mũthamaki akĩng'ũrĩka mũno na agĩcinwo nĩ marakara.

¹³ Na tondũ warĩ mũtugo wa mũthamaki gũtuĩria maũndũ ma watho na ma kĩhooto, akĩaria na andũ arĩa oogĩ na mooĩ ũhoru wa matukũ ma tene.

¹⁴ Nao arĩa maakuhĩrĩirie mũthamaki mũno maarĩ Karishena, na Shetharu, na Adamatha, na Tarashishi, na Meresu, na Marisena na Memukani, andũ mũgwanja arĩa maarĩ igweta a Perisia na Media, arĩa meetĩkĩrĩtio kuonanaga na mũthamaki, na nĩo maarĩ anene mũno ũthamaki-inĩ ũcio.

¹⁵ Mũthamaki akĩũria atĩrĩ, “Kũringana na watho-rĩ, Vashiti mũtumia wa mũthamaki agĩrĩrwo nĩ gwĩkwo atĩa? Nĩaregete gwathĩkĩra watho wa Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu ũrĩa akinyĩirio nĩ andũ acio ahakũre.”

¹⁶ Memukani agĩcookia arĩ mbere ya mũthamaki na andũ arĩa maarĩ igweta atĩrĩ, “Vashiti mũtumia wa mũthamaki nĩekĩte mahĩtia, na to mũthamaki wiki ahĩtĩirie, no ahĩtĩirie o na andũ othe arĩa marĩ igweta na andũ othe a mabũrũri ma Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu.

¹⁷ Nĩgũkorwo ũndũ ũyũ wĩkĩtwo nĩ mũtumia wa mũthamaki nĩũkũmenyeka nĩ andũ-a-nja othe, na nĩ ũndũ ũcio nĩmarĩmenagĩrĩria athuuri ao makoiga atĩrĩ, ‘Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu araathanire Vashiti mũtumia wa mũthamaki arehwo mbere yake, no ndaigana gũthiĩ.’

¹⁸ Ũmũthĩ-rĩ, andũ-a-nja arĩa marĩ igweta a Perisia na Media arĩa maiguĩte ũndũ ũyũ

wĩkĩtwo nĩ mũtumia wa mũthamaki noguo nao marĩkaga andũ arĩa marĩ igweta a mũthamaki. Kĩnyararo na ngarari itigathira.

¹⁹ “Nĩ ũndũ ũcio, mũthamaki angĩona arĩ wega, nĩarute watho wa ũthamaki na etĩkĩre wandĩkwo mawatho-inĩ ma Perisia na Media, marĩa matagarũragwo, atĩ Vashiti ndarĩ hĩndĩ ĩngĩ agooka mbere ya Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu. Naho handũ ha Vashiti-rĩ, mũthamaki acarie mũndũ-wa-nja ũngĩ mwega kũmũkĩra.

²⁰ Rĩrĩa watho ũcio wa mũthamaki ũrĩanĩrĩrwo kũndũ guothe kũrĩa mũthamaki aathanaga-rĩ, andũ-a-nja othe nĩmarĩtĩaga athuuri ao, kuuma ũrĩa mũnini nginya ũrĩa mũnene.”

²¹ Mũthamaki na andũ ake arĩa maarĩ igweta magĩkenio nĩ mataaro macio, nĩ ũndũ ũcio mũthamaki agĩka o ta ũrĩa Memukani oigĩte.

²² Agĩtũma marũa kũndũ guothe ũthamaki-inĩ ũcio, o bũrũri na mwandĩkĩre wago na o rũrĩrĩ na mwarĩrie waruo, akĩanĩrĩrithia na thiomi cia andũ othe atĩ mũthuuri o wotho nĩwe mwathi wa mũciĩ wake.

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Esiteri Gĩtuĩka Mũtumia wa Mũthamaki

¹ Thuutha ũcio rĩrĩa marakara ma Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu maahoorerire, akĩrĩrikana Vashiti na ũrĩa eekĩte, o na ũrĩa aamũtuĩrĩire eekwo.

² Hĩndĩ ĩyo ndungata iria ciatungatagĩra mũthamaki we mwene ikiuga atĩrĩ, “Mũthamaki nĩacarĩrio airĩtu gathirange ethĩ na ciĩrorerwa.

³ Mũthamaki nĩathuure anene mabũrũri-inĩ mothe marĩa aathanaga marehe airĩtu acio

othe cīrorerwa nyũmba-inĩ ĩrĩa ĩtũũragwo nĩ andũ-a-nja thĩinĩ wa nyũmba ya ũthamaki kũu gĩikaro kĩrĩa kĩirigĩre gĩa Shushani. Nao nĩmamenyagĩrĩrwo nĩ Hegai, ndungata ĩrĩa hakũre ya mũthamaki ĩrĩa yarũgamagĩrĩra andũ-a-nja acio; ningĩ maheo indo cia gwĩthakaria nacio.

⁴ Thuutha ũcio mũirĩtu ũrĩa ũgaakenia mũthamaki nĩagatuĩka mũtumia wa mũthamaki ithenya rĩa Vashiti.” Mataaro macio magĩkenia mũthamaki, nake akĩmarũmĩrĩra.

⁵ Na rĩrĩ, thĩinĩ wa nyũmba ya ũthamaki kũu gĩikaro kĩrĩa kĩirigĩre gĩa Shushani, nĩ kwarĩ na Mũyahudi wa mũhĩrĩga wa Benjamini wetagwo Moridekai mũrũ wa Jairũ, mũrũ wa Shimei, mũrũ wa Kishu,

⁶ nake aatahĩtwo kuuma Jerusalemu nĩ Nebukadinezaru mũthamaki wa Babuloni, arĩ ũmwe wa andũ arĩa maatahanĩrio na Jekonia, mũthamaki wa Juda.

⁷ Moridekai aarĩ na mwarĩ wa ithe mũnini wetagwo Hadasa, ũrĩa aarerete tondũ ndaarĩ na ithe kana nyina. Mũirĩtu ũcio, ũrĩa ningĩ wetagwo Esiteri, aarĩ kĩrorerwa mwĩrĩ na ũthiũ akĩonwo, nake Moridekai akĩmuoya akĩmũrera o ta mwarĩ thuutha wa ithe na nyina gũkua.

⁸ Rĩrĩa watho ũcio wa mũthamaki wanĩrĩrwo-rĩ, airĩtu aingĩ nĩmarehirwo thĩinĩ wa nyũmba ya ũthamaki kũu gĩikaro kĩrĩa kĩirigĩre gĩa Shushani, na maamenyagĩrĩrwo nĩ Hegai. Esiteri o nake nĩatwarirwo kũu nyũmba ĩyo ya mũthamaki na akĩhokerwo Hegai, ũrĩa warũgamĩrĩire nyũmba ĩrĩa yatũũragwo nĩ

andũ-a-nja.

⁹ Mũirĩtu ũcio nĩamũkenirie na akĩendeka nĩwe. O hĩndĩ ĩyo akĩmũhe indo cia gwĩthakaria nacio o na akĩmũhe irio cia mwanya. Ningĩ akĩmũhe ndungata mũgwanja cia airĩtu, arĩa maathuurĩtwo kuuma nyũmba-inĩ ya mũthamaki na akĩmũthaamia marĩ hamwe na ndungata icio ciake cia airĩtu akĩmũtwara handũ harĩa hega mũno kũu nyũmba-inĩ ĩyo yatũũragwo nĩ andũ-a-nja.

¹⁰ Esiteri ndoimbũrĩte rũrĩrĩ rwake kana kĩhumo kĩa nyũmba yao, tondũ Moridekai nĩamũtaarĩte akamwĩra ndageke ũguo.

¹¹ O mũthenya Moridekai nĩaceerangaga hau nja ya nyũmba ĩyo yatũũragwo nĩ andũ-a-nja, nĩguo amenye ũrĩa Esiteri aikaraga, na ũrĩa aathiiaga na mbere.

¹² Mbere ya o mũirĩtu kũgĩa na mweke wa gũthiĩ kũrĩ Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu, aani-inaga mĩeri ikũmi na ĩrĩ ya gwĩthakaria ĩrĩa yaathanĩtwo ĩkaragwo nĩ airĩtu acio, ĩtandatũ ya kwĩhaka maguta ma manemane, na ĩtandatũ ya kwĩhaka maguta manungi wega na indo ingĩ cia kwĩhaka.

¹³ O mũirĩtu aarĩ athiĩ harĩ mũthamaki ta ũũ: Nĩaheagwo kĩndũ kĩrĩa gĩothe angĩendire gwĩkuuĩra kuuma nyũmba ĩyo yatũũragwo nĩ andũ-a-nja gĩa gũthiĩ nakĩo nyũmba-inĩ ya mũthamaki.

¹⁴ Hwaiĩ-inĩ aathiiaga agatoonya kuo, na rũciinĩ agacooka mwena ũngĩ wa nyũmba ĩyo yatũũragwo nĩ andũ-a-nja, nakuo kũu aka-menyagĩrĩrwo nĩ Shaashagazu, ndungata ĩrĩa yarĩ hakũre ya mũthamaki, ĩrĩa yehokeirwo

thuriya cia mūthamaki. Ndangĩacookire rĩngĩ kūrĩ mūthamaki tiga o mūthamaki akenirio nĩwe amūtūmanĩre na rĩtwa rĩake.

¹⁵ Ihinda rĩa Esiteri rĩakinya (mũirĩtu ũrĩa Moridekai aarerete taarĩ mwarĩ, ũrĩa warĩ mwarĩ wa ithe mūkūrũ Abihaili) rĩa gũthĩ kūrĩ mūthamaki, ndaigana gwĩtia kĩndũ o nakĩ, tiga o kĩrĩa Hegai ndungata ĩyo yarĩ hakũre ya mūthamaki, mūrori wa nyũmba ĩyo yatũũragwo nĩ andũ-a-nja, aamwĩre akuue. Nake Esiteri nĩetĩkĩrĩkaga nĩ mũndũ o wothe wamuonaga.

¹⁶ Nake Esiteri agĩtwarwo kūrĩ Mūthamaki Ahasuerusu kũu nyũmba-inĩ ya ũthamaki mweri-inĩ wa ikũmi, mweri wa Tebethu, mwaka-inĩ wa mũgwanja wa wathani wake.

¹⁷ Na rĩrĩ, mūthamaki nĩaguucĩrĩirio nĩ Esiteri gũkĩra andũ-a-nja acio angĩ othe, nake agũtĩkĩrĩka nĩwe gũkĩra airĩtu acio angĩ gathirange othe. Nĩ ũndũ ũcio akĩoya tanji ya ũnene, akĩmwĩkĩra mūtwe, akĩmūtua mūtumia wa mūthamaki ithenya rĩa Vashiti.

¹⁸ Nake mūthamaki akĩrugithia iruga inene mũno, iruga rĩa Esiteri, agĩta andũ ake othe arĩa maarĩ igweta na anene. Mabũrũri-inĩ mothe mūthamaki akĩanĩrĩra thigũkũ na akĩheana iheo kũringana na ũtaana wa ũthamaki.

Moridekai Kũhithũria Ndundu Njũru

¹⁹ Rĩrĩa airĩtu acio gathirange moonganirio ihinda rĩa keerĩ, Moridekai aikarĩte hau kĩhingo-inĩ kĩa mũciĩ wa mūthamaki.

²⁰ No Esiteri ndoimbũrĩte kĩhumo kĩa nyũmba yao kana kĩa rũrĩrĩ rwake, o ta ũrĩa Moridekai

aamũtaarĩte, nĩgũkorwo aathiire na mbere kũrũmĩrĩra mataaro ma Moridekai o ta ũrĩa ekaga rĩrĩa aareragwo nĩwe.

²¹ Ihinda rĩu Moridekai aikaraga kĩhingo-inĩ kĩa mũciĩ wa mũthamaki, Bigithana na Tereshu, anene eerĩ arĩa meehokeirwo kũrũgamĩrĩra kĩhingo kĩa nyũmba ya mũthamaki, nĩmarakarire, na makĩgĩa na ndundu ya kũũraga Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu.

²² Nowe Moridekai akĩmenya ũhoru wa ndundu iyo na akĩra Esiteri, mũtumia ũcio wa mũthamaki, nake Esiteri akĩra mũthamaki ũhoru ũcio, na akiuga nĩ Moridekai ũmwĩrĩte.

²³ Na rĩrĩa ũhoru ũcio watuĩririo na ũkĩoneka atĩ warĩ wa ma, anene acio eerĩ magĩcuurio mũtĩ igũrũ. ũhoru ũcio wothe nĩwandĩkĩirwo hau mbere ya mũthamaki ibuku-inĩ rĩa maũndũ marĩa meekĩkĩte ihinda rĩu.

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Hamani Gũciirĩra Kũniina Ayahudi

¹ Thuutha wa maũndũ macio, Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu nĩatũũgĩririe Hamani mũrũ wa Hamedatha, ũrĩa Mũagagi, akĩmũnenehia na akĩmũhe gĩtĩo gĩakĩrĩte kĩa andũ arĩa angĩ othe maarĩ igweta.

² Anene othe a mũthamaki arĩa maarĩ hau kĩhingo-inĩ kĩa mũciĩ wa mũthamaki nĩmaturagia maru na makainamĩrĩra, magatĩla Hamani, nĩ ũndũ mũthamaki nĩathanĩte gwĩkagwo ũguo nĩ ũndũ wake. No Moridekai ndaigana gũturia maru kana kũmũnamĩrĩra amũtĩe.

3 Hĩndĩ ĩyo anene a mũthamaki arĩa maarĩ kĩhingo-inĩ kĩa mũciĩ wa mũthamaki makĩũria Moridekai atĩrĩ, “Ũregete gwathĩkĩra watho wa mũthamaki nĩkĩ?”

4 O mũthenya nĩmamwaragĩria no akĩrega kũmaigua. Nĩ ũndũ ũcio makĩhe Hamani ũhoro ũcio nĩgeetha mone kana mũtugo ũcio wa Moridekai no ũkirĩrĩrio, nĩgũkorwo nĩameerĩte atĩ we aarĩ Mũyahudi.

5 Rĩrĩa Hamani onire atĩ Moridekai ndangĩmũturĩria maru kana amũtĩie, akĩng’ũrĩka mũno.

6 No aarĩkia kũmenya rũrĩrĩ rwa andũ a Moridekai rwarĩ rũrĩkũ, akĩona kũũragithia Moridekai arĩ o wiki ti kũiganu. Handũ ha ũguo, Hamani agĩcaria njĩra ya kũniinithia rũrĩrĩ ruothe rwa andũ a Moridekai, na nĩo Ayahudi, arĩa maarĩ mabũrũri-inĩ mothe marĩa maathagwo nĩ Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu.

7 Mwaka-inĩ wa ikũmi na ĩrĩ wa Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu, mweri wa mbere, mweri wa Nisani, magĩcuuka puri (ũguo nĩ ta kuuga gũcuuka mĩtĩ) mbere ya Hamani nĩguo mathu-ure mũthenya na mweri. Naguo mũtĩ ũkĩgwĩra mweri wa ikũmi na ĩrĩ, nĩguo mweri wa Adari.

8 Hamani agĩcooka akĩra Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu atĩrĩ, “Nĩ kũrĩ rũrĩrĩ rũhurunjũkiire ndũrĩrĩ-inĩ cia mabũrũri mothe marĩa ũthamakagĩra, rũrĩa mũtugo yao ĩtahaanaine na ya andũ arĩa angĩ othe, na andũ a rũrĩrĩ rũu matiathĩkagĩra mawatho ma mũthamaki; nĩ ũndũ ũcio hatirĩ bata wa mũthamaki kũmakirĩrĩria.

9 Mũthamaki angĩona kwagĩrĩire-rĩ, no kũrutwo watho wa kũmaniinithia, na niĩ nĩngũiga taranda 10,000* cia betha thĩinĩ wa kĩgĩĩna kĩa ũthamaki cia kũrĩha andũ arĩa mekũruta wĩra ũcio.”

10 Nĩ ũndũ ũcio mũthamaki akĩruta gĩcũhĩ kĩa mũhũũri wake kuuma kĩara-inĩ gĩake, agĩkĩnengera Hamani mũrũ wa Hamedatha, ũrĩa Mũagagi, ũcio thũ ya Ayahudi.†

11 Mũthamaki akĩra Hamani atĩrĩ, “Ikara na mbeeca icio ciaku, na wĩke na andũ acio o ũrĩa ũkwenda.”

12 Na rĩrĩ, mũthenya wa ikũmi na ĩtatũ wa mweri wa mbere, aandĩki-marũa a mũthamaki magĩitwo. Makĩandĩka ũrĩa wothe Hamani aathanĩte, na mwandĩkĩre wa o bũrũri, na rũthiomi rwa o rũrĩrĩ, makĩandĩkĩra anene a mũthamaki, na abarũthi a mabũrũri a kũndũ na kũndũ, na andũ arĩa maarĩ igweta a ndũrĩrĩ mwanya. Marũa macio maandĩkirwo na rĩitwa rĩa Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu we mwene, na magĩkĩrwo mũhũũri wa gĩcũhĩ gĩake mwene.

13 Marũa macio maatwarirwo mabũrũri-inĩ mothe ma mũthamaki nĩ andũ arĩa maakuuaga marũa, namo maaheanĩte watho wa kwananga, na kũuraga, na kũhukia Ayahudi othe, andũ ethĩ na arĩa akũrũ, na andũ-a-nja na twana tũnini, maniinwo mũthenya o ro ũmwe, arĩ guo mũthenya wa ikũmi na ĩtatũ, mweri wa ikũmi na ĩrĩ, mweri wa Adari, na matahe indo ciao.

14 Kobi ĩmwe ya marũa macio ma watho ũcio yarĩ ĩtũmwo ĩrĩ watho wa kũrũmĩrĩrwo

* 3:9 nĩ ta tani 375 † 3:10 Maandĩko maatuĩkaga ma ma rĩrĩa mekĩrwo mũhũũri wa gĩcũhĩ kĩa mũthamaki.

mabūrūri-inĩ mothe, na ũmenyithio andũ a ndūrĩrĩ ciothe, nĩgeetha mehaarĩrie nĩ ũndũ wa mũthenya ũcio.

¹⁵ Nĩ ũndũ wa ũrĩa watho wa mũthamaki warĩ wa na ihenya, atwari a marũa makiumagara o narua tondũ watho ũcio waheanirwo kuuma thĩinĩ wa nyũmba ya ũthamaki kũu gĩkaro kĩrĩa kĩarĩ kĩirigĩre gĩa Shushani. Mũthamaki na Hamani magĩikara thĩ kũnyua, no itũũra rĩu inene rĩa Shushani rĩkĩgagaya mũno.

4

Moridekai Kūringĩrĩa Esiteri Amateithie

¹ Rĩrĩa Moridekai aamenyire ũrĩa wothe gwekĩtwo, agĩtembūranga nguo ciake, akĩhumba nguo ya ikũnia na akĩhurĩria mũhu, agĩthĩĩ, agĩtuĩkanĩria itũũra akĩrĩraga anĩrĩire mũno, na arĩ na ruo.

² Aathiire o nginya kĩhingo-inĩ kĩa mũciĩ wa mũthamaki, tondũ gũtirĩ mũndũ wetĩkagĩrio gũtoonya kũu thĩinĩ ehumbĩte nguo ya ikũnia.

³ Thĩinĩ wa mabūrūri mothe kūrĩa marũa na watho wa mũthamaki wakinyaga kwagĩaga na gũcakaya kũnene, na kwĩhinga kūrĩa irio, na kūrĩra na kũgirĩka kũnene kūrĩ Ayahudi. Aingĩ ao magĩkoma thĩ mehumbĩte nguo cia ikũnia na mehurĩrie mũhu.

⁴ Hĩndĩ ĩrĩa ndungata cia Esiteri cia airĩtu na cia arũme iria ciarĩ hakũre ciokire ikĩmũhe ũhoru ũkonĩĩ Moridekai, Esiteri nĩathĩĩnkire mũno. Akĩmũneanĩra nguo ehumbe arute ĩyo ya ikũnia, no Moridekai akĩrega gũcioya.

⁵ Nake Esiteri agĩtũmanĩra Hathaka, ũmwe wa ndungata iria ciarĩ hakũre cia mũthamaki, ũrĩa waheetwo wĩra wa kũmũtungatĩra, akĩmwatha athĩ akamenye nĩ ũndũ ũrĩkũ ũcio wathĩnagia Moridekai, na gĩtũmi kĩaguo.

⁶ Nĩ ũndũ ũcio Hathaka akiumagara, agĩthiĩ kũrĩ Moridekai kĩaaro-inĩ gĩa itũũra rĩu inene hau mbere ya kĩhingo kĩa mũciĩ wa mũthamaki.

⁷ Nake Moridekai akĩmwĩra maũndũ marĩa mothe maamũkorete, hamwe na mũigana wa mbeeca iria ciothe Hamani eeranĩre kũrĩha ciigwo kĩgĩna-inĩ kĩa mũthamaki nĩguo Ayahudi maniinwo biũ.

⁸ Ningĩ akĩmũnengera kobi ya marũa ma watho ũcio wa kũniinwo kwao, ĩrĩa yandĩkĩtwo na ĩkahunjanĩrio kũu Shushani, akamĩonie Esiteri na amũtaarĩrie ũhoru wayo, na akĩmwĩra aringĩrĩrie Esiteri athĩ kũrĩ mũthamaki, akamũthaithe maiguĩrwo tha, na aarĩrĩrie andũ ake harĩ mũthamaki.

⁹ Nake Hathaka agĩcooka, na akĩmenyithia Esiteri ũrĩa Moridekai oigĩte.

¹⁰ Nake Esiteri akĩmũtaarĩria ũrĩa ekwĩra Moridekai, akĩmwĩra atĩrĩ,

¹¹ “Anene othe a mũthamaki, o na andũ othe a mabũrũri marĩa mũthamaki aathanaga nĩmooĩ atĩ mũndũ mũrũme kana mũndũ-wanja o wothe ũrĩa ũngĩtoonya harĩ mũthamaki hau nja ya na thĩinĩ atetĩtwo, mũthamaki arĩ o watho ũmwe: naguo nĩ atĩ mũndũ ũcio ooragwo. Kĩgirĩrĩria kĩa ũndũ kũũragwo no mũthamaki amũtambũrũkiirie rũthanju rwake rwa ũthamaki rwa thahabu. No rĩrĩ, rĩu matukũ

mĩrongo ĩtatũ nĩmathirĩte kuuma rĩrĩa ndetĩtwo thĩĩ kũrĩ mũthamaki.”

¹² Rĩrĩa ciugo cia Esiteri cierirwo Moridekai,

¹³ agĩtũmana macookio mamwĩre atĩrĩ, “Ndũgeciirie atĩ tondũ ũrĩ thĩinĩ wa nyũmba ya mũthamaki atĩ wee nowe wiki ũkaahonoka, nao Ayahudi othe maniinwo.

¹⁴ Nĩgũkorwo ũngĩaga kwaria ihinda ta rĩrĩ, kĩhonia na kũhonokio kwa Ayahudi nũikoima handũ hangĩ, no wee na nyũmba ya thoguo no mũkaaniinwo. Ningĩ-rĩ, nũũ ũũĩ kana wokire ũthamaki-inĩ nĩ ũndũ wa ihinda ta rĩrĩ?”

¹⁵ Nake Esiteri akĩmeera macookerie Moridekai ũhoro, mamwĩre atĩrĩ,

¹⁶ “Thĩĩ ũcookanĩrĩrie Ayahudi othe arĩa maikaraga Shushani, na mwĩhinge kũrĩa irio nĩ ũndũ wakwa. Mũtikaarĩe kana mũnyue kahinda ka mũthenya ĩtatũ, ũtukũ na mũthenya. Nĩĩ na ndungata ciakwa cia airĩtu nĩtũkwĩhinga kũrĩa irio hamwe na inyuĩ. Twarĩkia gwĩka ũguo-rĩ, nĩngathiĩ kũrĩ mũthamaki, o na akorwo tiguu watho ugĩte. Ingĩkua-rĩ, ndĩgĩkue.”

¹⁷ Nĩ ũndũ ũcio Moridekai agĩthĩĩ na agĩka ũrĩa wothe Esiteri aamũtaarĩte.

5

Ihooya rĩa Esiteri kũrĩ Mũthamaki

¹ Mũthenya wa gatatũ wakinya-rĩ, Esiteri akĩhumba nguo ciake cia ũthamaki na akĩrũgama nja ya na thĩinĩ wa nyũmba ya ũthamaki, mbere ya nyũmba nene ya mũthamaki. Nake mũthamaki aikarĩire

gĩtĩ gĩake kĩa ũnene nyũmba-inĩ ãyo nene, ang'etheire itoonyero rĩayo.

² Rĩrĩa onire Esiteri, mũtumia wa mũthamaki arũngĩ hau nja, akĩmũkenera na akĩmũtambũrũkĩria rũthanju rwake rwa ũnene rwa thahabu rũrĩa aanyiitite. Nĩ ũndũ ũcio Esiteri agĩkuhĩrĩria, akĩhutia mũthia waruo.

³ Nake mũthamaki akĩmũũria atĩrĩ, “Esiteri, mũtumia ũyũ mũthamaki, ũbatairio nĩ kĩĩ? Ihooya rĩaku nĩ rĩrĩkũ? O na wahooya ũheo nuthu ya kũrĩa guothe thamakaga, nĩũkũheo.”

⁴ Esiteri akĩmũcookeria akĩmwĩra atĩrĩ, “Mũthamaki angĩona kwagĩrĩire, nĩetĩkĩre moke marĩ na Hamani ũmũthĩ iruga-inĩ rĩrĩa ngũrugithĩirie.”

⁵ Mũthamaki akiuga atĩrĩ, “Gĩĩrai Hamani o rĩu, nĩgeetha twĩke o ũguo Esiteri orĩtie.”

Nĩ ũndũ ũcio mũthamaki marĩ na Hamani magĩthĩ iruga-inĩ rĩrĩa Esiteri aahaarĩirie.

⁶ Na rĩrĩa maanyuuaga ndibei-rĩ, mũthamaki akĩũria Esiteri o ro rĩngĩ atĩrĩ, “Ihooya rĩaku nĩ rĩrĩkũ? Nĩũkũhingĩrio. Na nĩ kĩĩ ũrooria ũheo? O na wahooya ũheo nuthu ya kũrĩa guothe thamakaga-rĩ, nĩũkũheo.”

⁷ Esiteri agĩcookia atĩrĩ, “Ũndũ ũrĩa ndĩrooria, o na ihooya rĩakwa nĩ rĩrĩrĩ:

⁸ Kũngĩkorwo nĩnjĩtĩkĩrĩkĩte nĩ mũthamaki, na akorwo mũthamaki no etĩkĩre ihooya rĩakwa na aahingĩrie ũrĩa ndĩrooria-rĩ, mũthamaki na Hamani nĩmagooka rũciũ iruga-inĩ rĩrĩa ngaa-marugithĩria. Hĩndĩ ãyo nĩguo ngaacookia kĩũria kĩa mũthamaki.”

Hamani Kũrakarĩra Moridekai

9 Mũthenya ũcio Hamani n̄oimire kũu ak-enete na agacanjamũka ngoro. No hĩndĩ ĩrĩa onire Moridekai hau kĩhingo-inĩ kĩa mũciĩ wa mũthamaki na akĩona atĩ ndaramũrũgamĩra kana akamwĩtigĩra, akĩng'ũrĩka mũno nĩ ũndũ wa Moridekai.

10 No rĩrĩ, Hamani n̄erigĩrĩrie gwĩka ũndũ, na akĩinũka mũciĩ.

Hamani agĩta arata ake hamwe na mũtumia wake, Zereshu,

11 akĩmarahĩra ũhoru wa ũtonga wake mũingĩ, na ariũ ake aingĩ, na njĩra ciothe iria mũthamaki aamũtĩite nacio, na ũrĩa aamũtũũgĩrĩtie gũkĩra andũ arĩa angĩ maarĩ igweta na anene.

12 Hamani agĩthĩ na mbere kuuga atĩrĩ, “O na to ũguo wiki, nĩ no nĩ nyiki Esiteri mũtumia wa mũthamaki egwĩtĩte tũthĩ na mũthamaki iruga-inĩ rĩrĩa ekũrugithĩtie. Na n̄anjĩtĩte tũthĩ na mũthamaki rũciũ.

13 No maũndũ macio mothe, matiratũma njiganĩre rĩrĩa rĩothe ndĩrona Moridekai, Mũyahudi ũcio, aikarĩte kĩhingo-inĩ kĩa mũciĩ wa mũthamaki.”

14 Zereshu mũtumia wake marĩ na arata ake othe makĩmwĩra atĩrĩ, “Thondekithia mũtĩ wa gũcuuria mũndũ wa buti mĩrongo mũgwanja na ithano* kũraiha na igũrũ, na rũciũ rũciinĩ ũrooke ũrie mũthamaki etĩkĩre Moridekai acurio hau mũtĩ-igũrũ. Ũcooke ũthĩ mũrĩ na mũthamaki iruga-inĩ ũrĩ mũkenu.” Rĩciiria rĩrĩ n̄rĩakenirie Hamani, nake agĩthondekithia mũtĩ ũcio.

* 5:14 nĩ ta mita igĩrĩ na robo (2:25)

6

Moridekai Kūheo Gītīo

¹ Na rīrī, ūtukū ūcio mūthamaki akīūrwo nī toro; nī ūndū ūcio agīathana areherwo ibuku rīrīa rīandīkītwo maūndū ma matukū ma tene, maandīko marīa ma wathani wake, rīrehwo athomerwo.

² Hakīoneka handīkītwo thīnī warīo atī Moridekai nīwe woimbūrīte Bigithana na Tereshu, anene eerī a mūthamaki arīa marangagīra kīhingo, o acio maacirīire kūūruga Mūthamaki Ahasuerusu.

³ Mūthamaki akīūria atīrī, “Nī ūndū ūrīkū Moridekai aatīirwo naguo na nī ūnene ūrīkū aaheirwo nī ūndū wa ūndū ūcio?”

Ndungata ciake ikīmūcookeria atīrī, “Hatirī ūndū o na ūmwe eekirwo.”

⁴ Mūthamaki akīūria atīrī, “Nūū ūrī hau nja?” Hamani aakorirwo no hīndī aatoonya nja ya nyūmba ya mūthamaki nīguo aarie na mūthamaki ūhoro wa gūcuuria Moridekai mūtī-igūrū ūrīa aathondekithītie nī ūndū wake.

⁵ Ndungata ciake ikīmūcookeria atīrī, “Nī Hamani ūrūgamīte nja.”

Mūthamaki agīathana atīrī, “Mwīrei atoonye.”

⁶ Rīrīa Hamani aaingīrīre, mūthamaki akīmūūria atīrī, “Nī ūndū ūrīkū ūngīkwo mūndū ūrīa mūthamaki angīenda gūtīīithia?”

Hīndī īyo Hamani akīyūria na ngoro atīrī, “Nūū ūngī mūthamaki angīenda gūtīīithia tīga nī?”

⁷ Nī ūndū ūcio agīcookeria mūthamaki atīrī, “Mūndū ūrīa mūthamaki angīenda gūtīīithia-rī,

⁸ nĩ wega wathane atĩ nguo ĩrĩa ndaaya ya ũthamaki ĩrĩa wee mũthamaki wanekĩra ĩrehwo, ningĩ mbarathi ĩrĩa yanakuua mũthamaki ĩrĩa ĩkĩrĩtwo tanji ya ũthamaki mũtwe ĩrehwo.

⁹ Ningĩ wĩtĩkĩre nguo ĩyo ndaaya, na mbarathi ĩyo, ciĩhokerwo mũndũ ũmwe mũtĩiku mũno wa anene a mũthamaki. Wĩtĩkĩre ahumbe mũndũ ũrĩa mũthamaki angĩenda gũtĩithia nguo ĩyo, na amũtongorie athĩ akuuĩtwo nĩ mbarathi ĩyo kũu njĩra-inĩ cia itũũra rĩu inene, nake mũndũ ũcio athĩ akĩanagĩrĩra arĩ mbere yake atĩrĩ, ‘Ũũ nĩguo gwĩkagwo mũndũ ũrĩa mũthamaki angĩenda gũtĩithia.’ ”

¹⁰ Mũthamaki agĩatha Hamani, akĩmwĩra atĩrĩ, “Thĩ narua, woe nguo ĩyo na mbarathi ĩyo, na wĩke Moridekai ũcio Mũyahudi o ũguo woiga, o ũcio ũikaraga hau kĩhingo-inĩ kĩa mũciĩ wa mũthamaki. Ndũgatigĩrĩre ũndũ o na ũmwe wa maũndũ macio mothe wagaathĩrĩria mekwo.”

¹¹ Nĩ ũndũ ũcio Hamani akĩoya nguo ĩyo na mbarathi ĩyo. Akĩhumba Moridekai nguo, na akĩmũtongoria ahaicĩte mbarathi njĩra-inĩ cia itũũra rĩu inene, akĩanagĩrĩra mbere yake atĩrĩ, “Ũũ nĩguo gwĩkagwo mũndũ ũrĩa mũthamaki angĩenda gũtĩithia!”

¹² Thuutha ũcio-rĩ, Moridekai agĩcooka kĩhingo-inĩ kĩa mũciĩ wa mũthamaki. No Hamani akĩguthũka gwake mũciĩ aiyũrĩtwo nĩ kĩa,

¹³ akĩra Zereshu mũtumia wake na arata ake othe maũndũ marĩa mothe maamũkorete.

Andũ arĩa maamũtaaraga, o na Zereshu mũtumia wake, makĩmwĩra atĩrĩ, “Angĩkorwo Moridekai ũcio wambĩrĩria gũgũtooria nĩ wa kĩhumo kĩa Ayahudi-rĩ, ndũngĩmwĩtiiria, na ti-itherũ nĩũgũthira!”

¹⁴ Ihinda o ro rĩu maaragia nake, ndungata iria ciarĩ hakũre cia mũthamaki igĩkinya, na igĩtwara Hamani na ihenya iruga-inĩ rĩrĩa Esiteri aamarugithĩrie.

7

Hamani Gũcuurio

¹ Nĩ ũndũ ũcio mũthamaki na Hamani magĩthiĩ kũrĩanĩra na Esiteri, mũtumia wa mũthamaki,

² rĩrĩa maanyuuaga ndibei mũthenya ũcio wa keerĩ, mũthamaki akĩũria Esiteri o rĩngĩ atĩrĩ, “Esiteri, mũtumia wa mũthamaki, ihooya rĩaku nĩ rĩrĩkũ? Nĩũkũhingĩrio. Na nĩ kĩ ũrooria ũheo? O na wahooya nuthu ya kũrĩa guothe thamakaga, nĩũkũheo.”

³ Nake Esiteri mũtumia wa mũthamaki akĩmũcookeria atĩrĩ, “Ingĩkorwo nĩnjĩtikĩrikĩte nĩwe, wee mũthamaki, na mũthamaki angĩona kwagĩrĩire-rĩ, ndahooya ndekwo ndũũre muoyo, rĩu nĩrĩo ihooya rĩakwa. Ningĩ ndahooya atĩ andũ akwa marekwo matũũre muoyo.

⁴ Nĩ ũndũ niĩ na andũ akwa nĩtwendetio tũniinwo, na tũũragwo na tũhukio. Atĩrĩrĩ, korwo no kwendio twendetio tũgatuĩke ngombo cia arũme, na cia andũ-a-nja, niĩ nĩngĩrakirire tondũ thĩna ta ũcio ti mũiganu wa gũthĩnia mũthamaki.”

5 Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu akĩũria Esiteri mūtumia wa mũthamaki atĩrĩ, “Mũndũ ũrĩa ũngĩgeria gwĩka ũndũ ta ũcio-rĩ, nũũ hihi? Arĩ ha?”

6 Esiteri akiuga atĩrĩ, “Mũtũthũũri na thũ iitũ nĩ Hamani ũyũ mwaganu.”

Hamani akĩnyiitwo nĩ kĩmako kĩnene arĩ hau mbere ya mũthamaki o na mūtumia wake.

7 Nake mũthamaki agĩũkĩra arakarĩte mũno, agĩtiga kũnyua ndibei yake, agĩthiĩ nakũu mũgũnda-inĩ ũcio wa nyũmba ya ũthamaki. Nake Hamani amenya atĩ mũthamaki nĩarĩkĩtie gũtua ciira wake, agĩtigwo na thuutha ethaithanĩrĩre harĩ Esiteri mūtumia wa mũthamaki nĩguo ndakooragwo.

8 Na rĩrĩa mũthamaki aacookaga nyũmba ya iruga kuuma mũgũnda-inĩ ũcio wa nyũmba ya ũthamaki, Hamani nake noguo aakorirwo akĩgũithia gĩtĩ-inĩ harĩa Esiteri aikairĩte.

Nake mũthamaki akĩgũthũka, akĩũria atĩrĩ, “Kaĩ angĩnyiita mūtumia wa mũthamaki na hinya o na tũrĩ nake gũkũ nyũmba?”

Mũthamaki akĩrĩkia kuuga ũguo, makĩhumbĩra Hamani ũthiũ.*

9 Nake Haribona, ndungata ĩmwe ya iria hakũre, arĩa maatungatagĩra mũthamaki, akiuga atĩrĩ, “Mũtĩ wa gũcuuria andũ wa buti mĩrongo mũgwanja na ithano† kũraiha na igũrũ ũrũgamĩtio nyũmba-inĩ ya Hamani. Araũthondekithĩtie nĩ ũndũ wa Moridekai, ũrĩa waririe ndeto cia gũteithia mũthamaki.”

* 7:8 Kũhumbĩrwo mũndũ ũthiũ kuonanagia atĩ mũndũ ũcio aarĩ mũtuĩre kũuragwo. † 7:9 nĩ ta mita igĩrĩ na robo (2:25)

Mũthamaki akiuga atĩrĩ, “Mũcuuriei mũtĩ-inĩ ũcio!”

¹⁰ Nĩ ũndũ ũcio magĩcuuria Hamani mũtĩ-inĩ ũcio aathondekithĩtie nĩ ũndũ wa Moridekai. Hĩndĩ ĩyo mũthamaki agĩthirwo nĩ marakara.

8

Itua rĩa Mũthamaki Gũteithia Ayahudi

¹ Mũthenya o ro ũcio, Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu akĩhe mũtumia wake Esiteri indo cia Hamani, ũcio thũ ya Ayahudi.* Nake Moridekai agĩũka mbere ya mũthamaki, nĩ ũndũ Esiteri nĩoigĩte ũrĩa maatarainie.

² Mũthamaki akĩruta gĩcũhĩ kĩa mũhũũri wake kĩa aatunyĩte Hamani, na agĩkĩhe Moridekai. Nake Esiteri agĩtua Moridekai mũrũgamĩrĩri wa indo cia Hamani.

³ Esiteri agĩthaitha mũthamaki o rĩngĩ, akĩgũithagia magũrũ-inĩ make akĩrĩraga. Akĩmũhooya aniine mũbango ũcio mũũru wa Hamani ũcio Mũagagi, ũrĩa aaciirĩre wa gũũkĩrĩa Ayahudi.

⁴ Hĩndĩ ĩyo mũthamaki agĩtambũrũkĩria Esiteri rũthanju rwa thahabu rwa ũthamaki, nake Esiteri agĩũkĩra akĩrũgama mbere yake.

⁵ Akĩra mũthamaki atĩrĩ, “Mũthamaki angĩona kwagĩrĩire, na ngorwo nĩnjĩtĩkĩrĩkĩte nĩwe na one ũndũ ũcio nĩguo wagĩrĩire nĩ gwĩkwo, na akorwo nĩ akenetio nĩ nĩrĩ, nĩetĩkĩre kwandĩkithia watho wa kũgarũra marũa marĩa maatũmitwo nĩ Hamani mũrũ

* **8:1** Hĩndĩ ĩyo, mũndũ angĩatuĩrĩrwo kũũragwo, indo ciake ciothe ciatuĩkaga cia mũthamaki.

wa Hamedatha, ũcio Mũagagi, ũrĩa aaciirĩire na akĩandĩkithia nĩguo aniinithie Ayahudi mabũrũri-inĩ marĩa mothe mũthamaki athamakaga.

⁶ Nĩ ũndũ-rĩ, ingĩhota atĩa gũkirĩrĩria ngĩonaga ngero ĩrĩa ĩkũgerwo andũ akwa? Ingĩhota atĩa gũkirĩrĩria kuona andũ a nyũmba yakwa makĩiniwo?”

⁷ Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu agĩcookeria Esiteri mũtumia wa mũthamaki na Moridekai ũrĩa Mũyahudi atĩrĩ, “Nĩ ũndũ Hamani nĩaciirĩire kũũragithia Ayahudi, indo ciake nĩndĩciheete Esiteri, na nĩ mamũcuurĩtie mũtĩ-igũrũ.

⁸ Na rĩrĩ, andĩkithiai uuge ũngĩ na rĩtwa rĩa mũthamaki wa gũteithia Ayahudi ta ũrĩa mũkuona kwagĩrĩire, na mũhũũre marũa macio mũhũũri na gĩcũhĩ kĩa mũthamaki, nĩ ũndũ gũtirĩ marũa mandĩkĩtwo na rĩtwa rĩa mũthamaki na makahũũrwo mũhũũri wa gĩcũhĩ gĩake mangĩgarũrwo.”

⁹ O rĩmwe aandĩki-marũa a ũthamaki magĩttwo, mũthenya wa mĩrongo ĩĩrĩ na ithatũ, mweri-inĩ wa gatatũ, mweri wa Sivani. Makĩandĩka watho wothe wa Moridekai kũrĩ Ayahudi na anene a mũthamaki, na abarũthi, na andũ arĩa maarĩ igweta a mabũrũri 127 matambũrũkĩte kuuma bũrũri wa Ahĩndĩ nginya bũrũri wa Kushi. Mawatho macio maandĩkirwo na mwandĩkĩre wa o bũrũri na rũthiomi rwa a andũ, o na kũrĩ Ayahudi na mwandĩkĩre na rũthiomi rwao.

¹⁰ Moridekai nĩandĩkithirie marũa na rĩtwa rĩa Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu, makĩhũũrwo mũhũũri wa gĩcũhĩ kĩa mũthamaki, na

akĩmatũma na andũ arĩa maathiiaga mahaicĩte mbarathi, o arĩa maahaicaga mbarathi iria ciarĩ ihenya, nacio ciaciarĩtwo nĩ mbarathi cia mũthamaki.

¹¹ Itua rĩu rĩa mũthamaki rĩgĩtĩkĩria Ayahudi a matũũra mothe marĩa manene kĩhooito gĩa kũngana megitĩre; maniine, na moorage, na mahukie mbũtũ o ciothe cia rũruka o ruothe kana bũrũri ũrĩa ũngĩmatharĩkĩra, o hamwe na andũ-a-nja na ciana ciao; na matahe indo cia thũ ciao.

¹² Mũthenya ũrĩa wamũrirwo wa Ayahudi gwĩka ũguo mabũrũri-inĩ mothe ma Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu warĩ mũthenya wa ikũmi na ĩtatũ mweri wa ikũmi na ĩrĩ, naguo nĩ mweri wa Adari.

¹³ Kobi ya marũa macio ma itua rĩu yarĩ ĩheanwo ĩrĩ watho wa kũrũmĩrĩrwo mabũrũri-inĩ mothe, na itua rĩu rĩmenyithio andũ a ndũrĩrĩ ciothe, nĩguo Ayahudi mehaarĩrie mũthenya ũcio merĩhĩrie harĩ thũ ciao.

¹⁴ Atwari acio a marũa, mahaicĩte mbarathi cia mũthamaki, magĩthĩi na ihenya nĩkũhĩkwo nĩ watho wa mũthamaki. Narĩo itua rĩu nĩrĩaheanirwo kũu nyũmba-inĩ ya mũthamaki kũu Shushani.

¹⁵ Moridekai oimire mbere ya mũthamaki ekĩrĩte nguo cia ũthamaki cia rangi wa bururu na rangi mwerũ, na arĩ na tanji nene ya thahabu mũtwe, na akehumba nguo ndaaya ya rangi wa ndathi ya gatani ĩrĩa njega. Nao andũ a itũũra rĩa Shushani magĩkũngũira itua rĩu marĩ na gĩkeno.

¹⁶ Kũrĩ Ayahudi rĩu rĩarĩ ihinda rĩa gũkena, na kũigua wega na gũcanjamũka o na gũtĩka.

17 Thĩĩnĩ wa bũrũri o wothe o na thĩĩnĩ wa itũũra inene o rĩothe, kũrĩa guothe itua rĩu rĩa mũthamaki rĩatwarirwo, Ayahudi nĩmagĩire na gĩkeno na magĩcanjamũka, makĩruga maruga magĩkũngũira. Na andũ aingĩ a ndũrĩrĩ ingĩ makĩgarũra magĩitua Ayahudi tondũ nĩmanyiitĩtwo nĩ guoya wa gwĩtigĩra Ayahudi.

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Ūhootani wa Ayahudi

1 Kũrĩ mũthenya wa ikũmi na ĩtatũ mweri wa ikũmi na ĩrĩ, nĩguo mweri wa Adari, nĩrĩo itua rĩrĩa rĩathanĩtwo nĩ mũthamaki, rĩarĩ rĩhingio. Mũthenya ũcio, thũ cia Ayahudi nĩcierĩgĩrĩire kũmahoota, no rĩrĩ, gũkĩgarũrũkana, nao Ayahudi makĩgĩa na hinya gũkĩra arĩa maa-mathũire.

2 Ayahudi nĩmecookanĩrĩirie matũũra-inĩ mao manene mabũrũri-inĩ mothe ma Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu, nĩgeetha matharĩkĩre acio mendaga kũmaniina. Gũtirĩ mũndũ ũngĩahotire kũmeetiiria, nĩ ũndũ ndũrĩrĩ icio ingĩ ciothe nĩciametigĩrĩire.

3 Nao andũ othe arĩa maarĩ igweta a mabũrũri macio, na anene a mũthamaki, na abarũthi, na arĩa mateithagĩrĩria mũthamaki gwathana magĩteithia Ayahudi, nĩ ũndũ nĩmanyiitĩtwo nĩ guoya wa gwĩtigĩra Moridekai.

4 Moridekai aarĩ mũndũ woĩkaine wega kũu nyũmba-inĩ ya ũthamaki; nayo ngumo yake ĩkĩhunja mabũrũri-inĩ macio mothe, nake agĩkĩrĩrĩria kũgĩa na hinya.

⁵ Ayahudi makĩhũũra thũ ciao ciothe na hiũ cia njora, magĩciũraga magĩciniina, na magĩka thũ ciao, o icio ciamathũire, o ũrĩa wothe mangĩendire gũciĩka.

⁶ Nyũmba-inĩ ya mũthamaki kũu Shushani, Ayahudi nĩmooragire na makĩniina andũ magana matano.

⁷ Ningĩ nĩmooragire Parishandatha, na Dalifoni, na Asipatha,

⁸ na Poratha, na Adalia, na Aridatha,

⁹ na Parimashata, na Arisai, na Aridai, na Vaizatha,

¹⁰ na nĩo ariũ ikũmi a Hamani mũrũ wa Hamedatha, ũrĩa warĩ thũ ya Ayahudi. No matiigana gũtaha indo ciao.

¹¹ Mũigana wa andũ arĩa mooragĩrwo nyũmba-inĩ ya mũthamaki kũu Shushani nĩwakinyĩirio mũthamaki mũthenya o ro ũcio.

¹² Nake mũthamaki akĩra Esiteri mũtumia wa mũthamaki atĩrĩ, “Ayahudi nĩmoragĩte na makaniina andũ magana matano o na ariũ ikũmi a Hamani thĩinĩ wa nyũmba ya ũthamaki kũu gũikaro kĩrĩa kĩirigĩre gĩa Shushani. Hihi mekĩte atĩa mabũrũri-inĩ marĩa mangĩ ma mũthamaki? Atĩrĩrĩ, ihooya rĩaku nĩ rĩrĩkũ? Nĩũkũhingĩrio. Na nĩ ũndũ ũrĩkũ ũrooria ũheo? O naguo ũndũ ũcio nĩũkũheo.”

¹³ Esiteri agĩcookia atĩrĩ, “Mũthamaki angĩona kwagĩrĩire-rĩ, itĩkĩria Ayahudi arĩa marĩ Shushani makaahingia itua rĩrĩ o na rũciũ, na ũreke ciimba cia ariũ ikũmi a Hamani igaacuurio mĩtĩ-igũrũ.”

¹⁴ Nĩ ũndũ ũcio mũthamaki agĩathana gwĩkwo ũguo. Itua rĩkĩhĩtũkio kũu Shushani, nao

magĩcuuria ciimba cia ariũ acio ikũmi a Hamani mĩti-igũrũ.

¹⁵ Ayahudi arĩa maarĩ kũu Shushani magĩcookanĩrĩra hamwe mũthenya wa ikũmi na ĩna wa mweri wa Adari, nao makĩũraga andũ magana matatũ kũu Shushani. No matiigana gũtaha indo ciao.

¹⁶ O mahinda macio-rĩ, Ayahudi arĩa angĩ maatigaire mabũrũri-inĩ marĩa mũthamaki ũcio aathamakaga o nao makĩũngana hamwe nĩguo meegitĩre, na meeyũkĩrĩrie harĩ thũ ciao. Makĩũraga andũ ngiri mĩrongo mũgwanja na ithano cia thũ ciao, no matiigana gũtaha indo ciao.

¹⁷ Ũndũ ũcio wekĩkire kũrĩ mũthenya wa ikũmi na ĩtatũ mweri-inĩ wa Adari, na kũrĩ mũthenya wa ikũmi na ĩna makĩhurũka, na makĩũtua mũthenya wa ndĩa na wa gĩkeno.

Gũkũngũra gĩathĩ kĩa Purimu

¹⁸ Na rĩrĩ, Ayahudi arĩa maarĩ Shushani, nĩmonganĩte mũthenya wa ikũmi na ĩtatũ na wa ikũmi na ĩna, nago mũthenya wa ikũmi na ĩtano makĩhurũka na makĩũtua mũthenya wa ndĩa na wa gĩkeno.

¹⁹ Ũndũ ũcio nĩguo ũtũmaga Ayahudi arĩa maatũũraga tũtũũra-inĩ marũmie mũthenya wa ikũmi na ĩna wa mweri wa Adari, ũrĩ mũthenya wa gĩkeno na wa ndĩa, na mũthenya wa kũheana iheo harĩ mũndũ na ũrĩa ũngĩ.

²⁰ Moridekai nĩandĩkire maũndũ macio, na agĩtũmĩra Ayahudi othe marũa kũndũ guothe mabũrũri-inĩ ma Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu, marĩa maarĩ gũkuhĩ na marĩa maarĩ kũraya,

21 nĩguo makũngũyagĩre mũthenya wa ikũmi na ĩna, na wa ikũmi na ĩtano wa mweri wa Adari o mwaka,

22 arĩ rĩo ihinda rĩrĩa Ayahudi meeyũkĩrĩirie kũrĩ thũ ciao, o na arĩ guo mweri ũrĩa kĩaha kĩa gĩatuĩkire gĩkeno, namo macakaya mao magĩtuĩka mũthenya wa gũkũngũiya. Aamandĩkiire marũmagie mũthenya ĩyo ĩrĩ mũthenya ya ndĩa na ya gĩkeno, na ya kũheana iheo cia irio harĩ mũndũ na ũrĩa ũngĩ, na ya kũhe athĩni iheo.

23 Nĩ ũndũ ũcio Ayahudi magĩtikĩra gũthiĩ na mbere na gũkũngũira ũguo maambĩrĩirie, magekaga ũrĩa Moridekai aamandĩkiire.

24 Nĩgũkorwo Hamani mũrũ wa Hamedatha, ũrĩa Mũagagi, o we thũ ya Ayahudi othe, nĩathugundĩte gũũkĩrĩra Ayahudi amaniine, na agĩcuuka puri (ũguo nĩ kuuga agĩcuuka mĩtĩ) nĩguo monũhwo na maniinwo.

25 No rĩrĩa ũndũ ũcio wa hito wamenyekire nĩ mũthamaki, akĩruta watho mwandĩke wa kuuga atĩ ũũru ũcio Hamani aathugundĩire Ayahudi ũmũcookerere we mwene, o na atĩ we na ariũ ake macuurio mĩtĩ-igũrũ.

26 (Nĩ ũndũ ũcio mũthenya ĩyo ĩgĩtwo Purimu kuumana na rĩtwa rĩu Puri.) Nĩ ũndũ wa maũndũ mothe marĩa maandĩkĩtwo marĩa-inĩ macio, na nĩ ũndũ wa ũrĩa meyoneire na nĩ ũndũ wa maũndũ marĩa maamakorire,

27 Ayahudi magĩitua kũgĩe mũtugo wa kũrũmĩrĩrwo, nĩguo o ene, na njiaro ciao, na arĩa othe mangĩtũũrania nao, marũmagie mũthenya ĩyo yeerĩ o mwaka mategũtĩrĩria, na njĩra ĩrĩa kwandĩkĩtwo, na mahinda marĩa

maatuĩtwo.

²⁸ Mĩthenya ĩyo ĩtuĩke ya kũririkanagwo na ĩmenyagĩrĩrwo nĩ njiarwa ciothe na nyũmba ciothe, na mabũrũri-inĩ mothe na matũũra-inĩ manene mothe. Na mĩthenya ĩyo ya Purimu ndĩkanaage gũkũngũrwo nĩ Ayahudi, o na kana kĩririkano kĩayo kĩage njiaro-inĩ ciao.

²⁹ Nĩ ũndũ ũcio Esiteri, mũtumia wa mũthamaki, mwarĩ wa Abihaili, marĩ na Moridekai ũrĩa Mũyahudi, makĩandĩka marĩ na ũhoti wothe ũrĩa maarĩ nagu, nĩguo mekĩre marũa macio ma keerĩ meegiĩ Purimu hinya.

³⁰ Nake Moridekai agĩtũmĩra Ayahudi othe arĩa maarĩ mabũrũri-inĩ 127 ma ũthamaki wa Ahasuerusu marũa, marĩ ciugo cia kũmeciiria wega na kũmoomĩrĩria,

³¹ nĩgeetha marũmagie mĩthenya ĩyo ya Purimu mahinda marĩa matuĩtwo, o ta ũrĩa Moridekai ũrĩa Mũyahudi marĩ na Esiteri, mũtumia wa mũthamaki maamatuĩrĩire, na o ta ũrĩa meetuĩrĩire o ene, hamwe na njiaro ciao, ũhoro wĩgiĩ mahinda mao ma kwĩhinga kũrĩa irio na gũcakaya.

³² Itua rĩu rĩa kũrũmĩrĩrwo rĩa Esiteri nĩrĩekĩrĩre mawatho macio maakoniĩ Purimu hinya, nagu watho ũcio ũkĩandĩkwo mabuku-inĩ ma kĩririkano.

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Ũnene wa Moridekai

¹ Na rĩrĩ, Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu nĩeetagia igooti mabũrũri marĩa mothe aathanaga, o nginya icigĩrĩra ciakuo cia kũraya.

² Ha ũhoro wa ciĩko ciake cia hinya na ũhoti, hamwe na ũhoro wothe wa ũnene wa Moridekai, nginya harĩa mũthamaki aamũnenehetie-rĩ, githĩ ti mwandĩke mabuku-inĩ ma maũndũ ma athamaki a Media na Perisia?

³ Moridekai ũrĩa Mũyahudi aarĩ wa keerĩ wathani-inĩ kuuma he Mũthamaki Ahasuerusu, na nĩeetĩkĩrĩtwo nĩ Ayahudi ta mũnene wao, na agatĩka mũno kũrĩ Ayahudi ao aingĩ, tondũ aacaragĩria andũ ake maũndũ mega, na akaarĩrĩria kũgaacĩra kwa Ayahudi othe.

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