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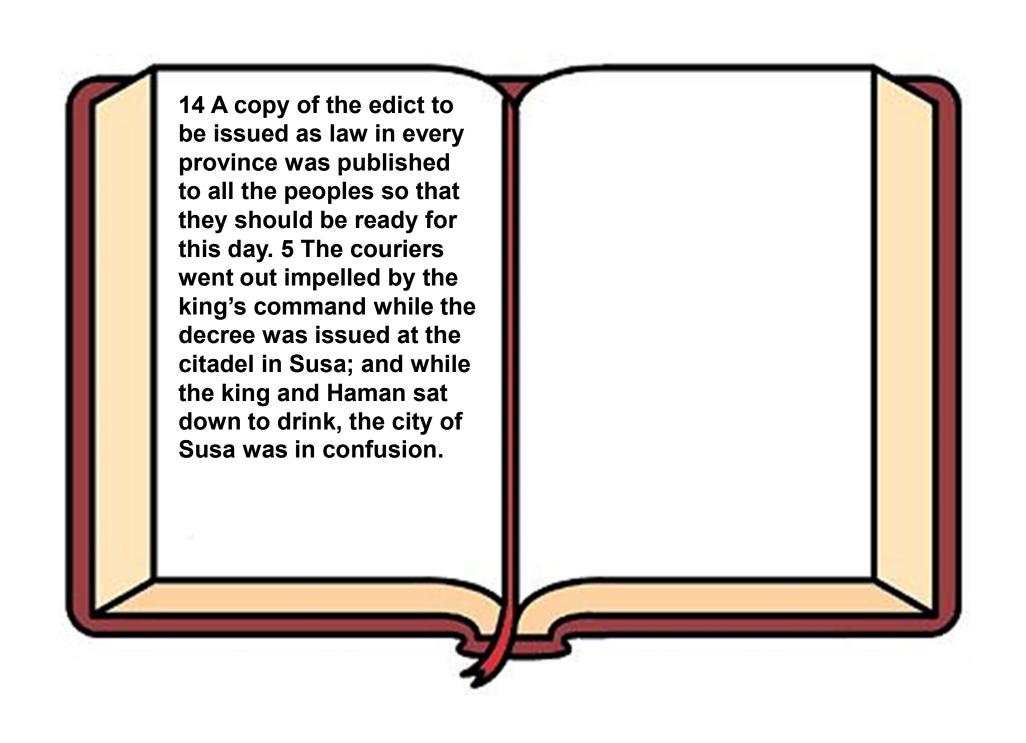
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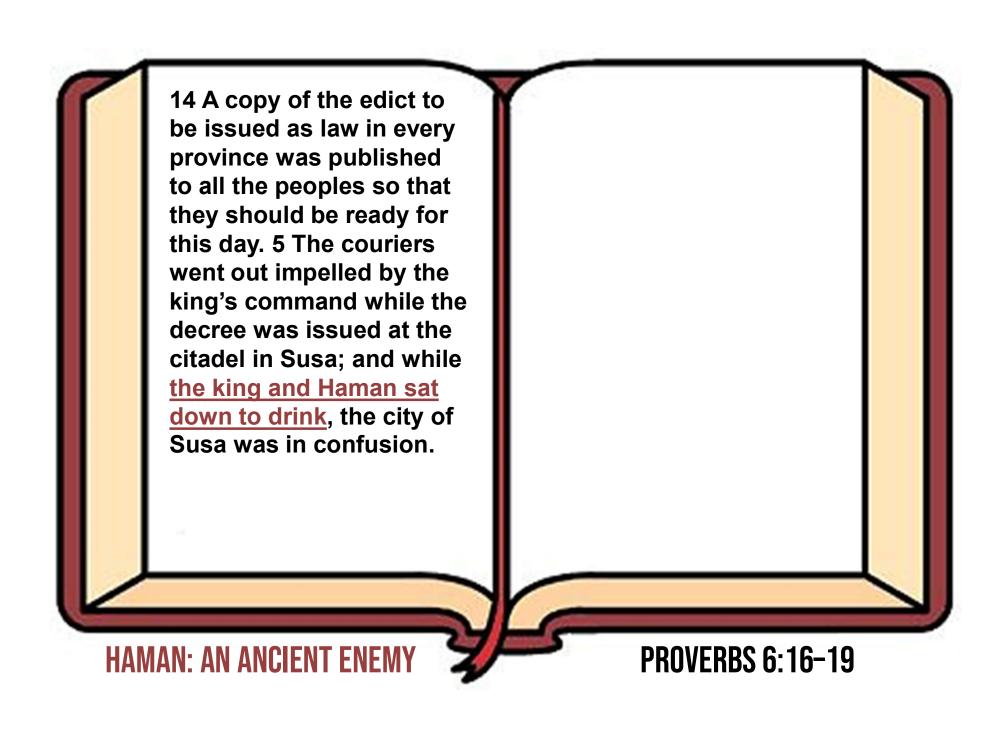
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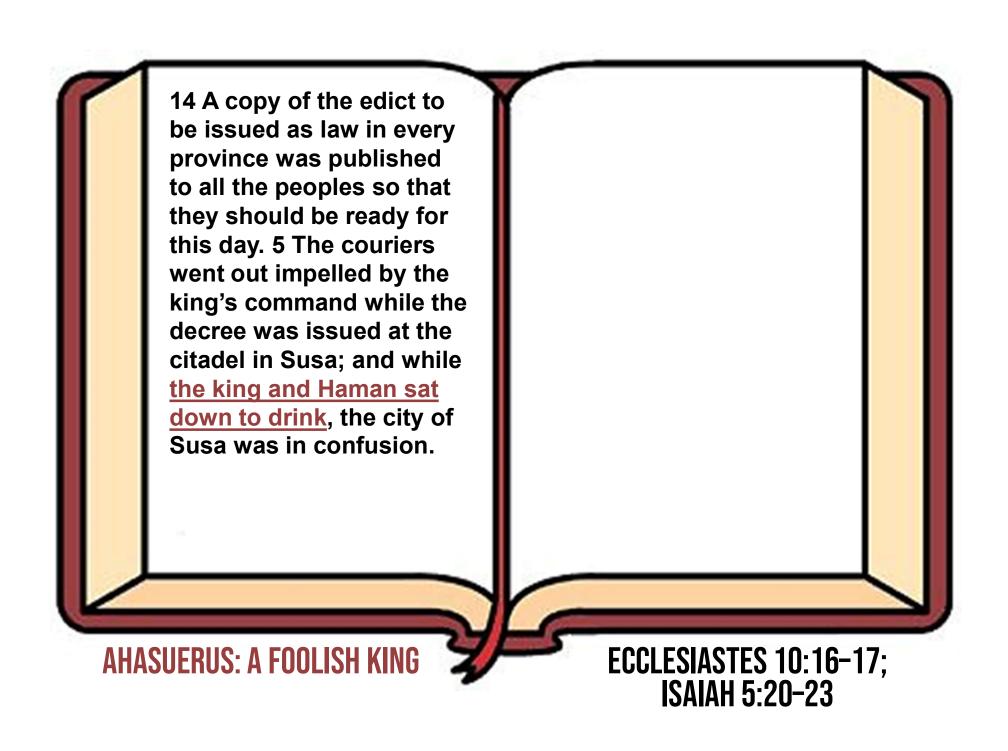
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HE EMBRACED HIS HERITAGE.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO WHEN THE WICKED MAKE EVIL PLANS?

BE A MORDECA!!
AND SPEND SOME TIME IN PSALM 37.

