

Fill in the blanks.

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| 1. days | 2. advisor | 3. kill | 4. gifts | 5. meals | 6. lots |
| 7. speak | 8. 13 th | 9. hated | 10. half | 11. lives | |

Haman was a very rich man in Shushan and an _____ to the king. He _____ all the Jews and wanted to kill them. Haman used _____ or *purim* to decide on a 'good' day to begin his evil plan. The date he chose was the _____ of Adar.

When Mordechai heard of his plan, he asked Esther to save the lives of the Jewish people and _____ with the king. Esther did not eat for three _____. Then she made two special _____ for the king and Haman.

On the second night, the king told Esther to ask him for anything she wanted. He wanted to give her _____ of his kingdom. Esther asked him only to save her life and the _____ of her people. The king did not understand and asked, "But who wants to kill you?" "Your advisor, my king," answered Esther. "Haman wants to _____ all the Jews. My uncle Mordechai and I are Jews."

