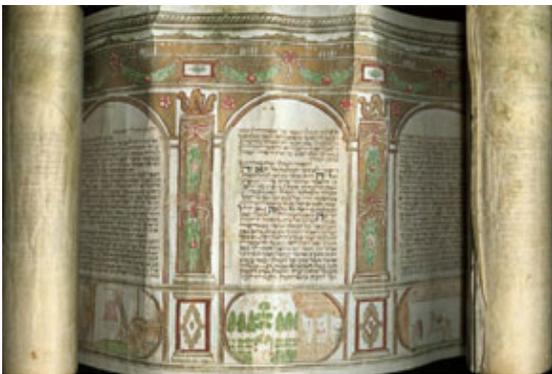


Lesson 9 on Esther and Ezra

The Edict of Haman in Esther 3:12-13

Then were the king's scribes called *in the first month, on the thirteenth day thereof*; and there **was written according to all that Haman commanded** unto the king's satraps, and to the governors that were over every province, and to the princes of every people, to every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and it was sealed with the king's ring. 13 And letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, *all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey.*



Decorated Esther scroll for Purim from Italy circa 1800. The scroll is opened to a page where the scribe has written in large bold script the letters "Y - H - V - H" to show that the name of God does appear in the book of Esther.

The Edict of Mordecai in Esther 8:9-12

Then were the king's scribes called *at that time, in the third month Sivan, on the three and twentieth day thereof*; and it **was written according to all that Mordecai commanded** unto the Jews, and to the satraps, and the governors and princes of the provinces which are from India unto Ethiopia, a hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language. 10 And **he wrote the name of king Ahasuerus, and sealed it with the king's ring, and sent letters by post on horseback, riding on swift steeds that were used in the king's service, bred of the stud:** 11 wherein *the king granted the Jews that were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, their little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey,* 12 upon one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, namely, **upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar.**