

# AESTER

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## ADHYĀYA 1

**k**shayarsha nam raja ke dinon men ye baten hui yah vahee kshayarsha haai, jo aek sau satais praanton par, arthata hindustan se lekar koosh desh tak rajy karata tha.

<sup>2</sup> unheen dinon men jab kshayarsha raja apanee us rajagaae par virajaman tha jo shooshan nam rajagaddh men thee.

<sup>3</sup> vahan us ne apane rajy ke teesare varsha men apane sab hakimon aur karmachaariyon kee jevanar kee. faaras aur madaai ke senapati aur praanta- praant ke pradhaan aur haakim usake sammukh a gaae.

<sup>4</sup> aur vah unhen bahut din varan aek sau assee din tak apane rajaavibhv ka dhan aur apane mahatmy ke anamol padarth dikhata raha.

<sup>5</sup> itane dinon ke beetane par raja ne kya chhotte ky bade un sabhon kee bhee jo shooshan nam rajagaddh men ikatthe huae the, rajabhvan kee baree ke angan men sat din tak jevanar kee.

<sup>6</sup> vahan ke parde shvet aur neele soot ke the, aur san aur baainjaneer rang kee doriyon se chandee ke chhllon me, sangamarmar ke khmbhon se lage huae the aur vahan kee chauakiyan sone-chandee kee theen aur lal aur shvet aur peele aur kale sangamarmar ke bane huae farsha par dharee hui theen.

<sup>7</sup> us jevanar men raja ke yogy dakhmadha bhainn bhainn roop ke sone ke patron men dalakar raja kee udarata se bahutayat ke sath pilaya jata tha.

<sup>8</sup> peena to niyam ke anusar hota tha, kisee ko barabas naheen pilaya jata tha kyonaki raja ne to apane bhvan ke sab bhndariyon ko agyaa dee thee, ki jo pahun jaaisa chahe usake sath vaaisa hee bartav karana.

<sup>9</sup> ranee bashatee ne bhee raja kshayarsha ke bhvan men striyon kee jevanar kee.

<sup>10</sup> sataven din, jab raja ka man dakhmadha men magn tha, tab us ne mahooman, bijata, habana, bigata, abagata, jeter aur karkas nam saton khejon ko jo kshayarsha raja ke sammukh seva tthal kiya karate the, aagyaa dee,

<sup>11</sup> ki ranee vashatee ko rajamukutt dhaaran kiae huae raja ke sammukh le ao jis se ki desh desh ke logon aur haakimon par usakee sundarata pragatt ho jaae kyonki vah dekhne men sundar thee.

<sup>12</sup> khojon ke dara raja kee yah agyaa pakar ranee vashatee ne ane se inakar kiya. is par raja bade krodha se jalane laga.

<sup>13</sup> tab raja ne samay samay ka bhed jananevale panaidton se puchha raja to neeti aur nyay ke sab gyaaaniyon se aeesea hee kiya karata tha.

<sup>14</sup> aur usake pas karshana, shotar, adamata, tashasha, meres, marsana, aur mamookan nam faaras, aur madaai ke saton kheje the, jo raja ka darshan karate, aur rajy men mukhy

mukhy padon par niyukt kiae gaae the.

**15** raja ne poochha ki ranee vashatee ne raja kshayarsha kee khojon dara dilai hui agyaa ka ulanghan kiya, to neeati ke anusar usake sath kya kiya jaae?

**16** tab mamookan ne raja aur haakimon kee upasthiaati men uttar diya, ranee vashatee ne jo anuachit kam kiya haai, vah n keval raja se parantu sab hakimon se aur un sab deshaen ke logon se bhee jo raja kshayarsha ke sab praanton men rahate haain.

**17** kyonaki ranee ke is kam kee charcha sab striayon men hogee aur jab yah kaha jaaega, ki raja kshayarsha ne ranee vashatee ko apane samhane le ane kee agyaa dee parantu vah n ai, tab ve bhee apane apane pati ko tuchchh janane lagengee.

**18** aur aj ke din faarasee aur madee hakimon kee striayan jinhon ne ranee kee yah bat sunee haai to ve bhee raja ke sab haakimon se aeesea hee kahane lagengee is prakar bahut hee gharana aur krodha utpann hoga.

**19** yaadi raja ko sveekar ho, to yah agyaa nikale, aur faarsiyon aur maadiyon ke kanoon men likhee bhee jaa, jis se kabhee badal n sake, ki ranee vashatee raja kshayarsha ke sammukh fir kabhee ane n paa, aur raja pattranee ka pad kisee doosaree ko de de jo us se achchhee ho.

**20** aur jab raja kee yah agyaa usake sare rajy men sunai jaaegee, tab sab patnaiyan chhotte, bade, apane apane pati ka adaraman karatee rahengee.

**21** yah bat raja aur hakimon ko pasand ai aur raja ne mamookan kee sammati man lee aur apane rajy me,

**22** arthta pratyek praant ke aksharon men aur pratyek jaati kee bhasha men chitthiyan bhejee, ki sab purush apane apane ghar men adhaikar chalaae, aur apanee jati kee bhasha bola karen.

## ADHYĀYA 2

**I**n baton ke bad jab raja kshayarsha kee jalalahatt tndee ho gai, tab us ne ranee vashatee kee, aur jo kam us ne kiya tha, aur jo usake vishay men agyaa nikalee thee usakee bhee sudhai lee.

**2** tab raja ke sevak jo usake tthaluae the, kahane lage, raja ke liye sundar tatha yuvatee kunvariyan ddoonddhee jaaen.

**3** aur raja ne apane rajy ke sab praanton men logon ko isaliye niyukt kiya ki ve sab sundar yuvatee kunvariyan ko shooshan gaddh ke ranavas men ikattha karen aur striayon ke rakhvale hege ko jo raja ka khoja tha saup den aur shuuddh karane ke yogy vastuaen unhen dee jaaen.

**4** tab un men se jo kunvaree raja kee draashti men uttam tthare, vah ranee vashatee ke sthan par pattranee banai jaae. yah bat raja ko pasand ai aur us ne aeesea hee kiya.

**5** shooshan gaddh men mordakaai nam aek yahoodee rahata tha, jo keesh nam ke aek binyameenee ka parapota, shaimee ka pota, aur yair ka putra tha.

**6** vah un bandhauon ke sath yarooshalem se bandhauai men gaya tha, jinhen babel ka raja nabookadanessar, yahooda ke raja yakonyah ke sang bandhaua karake le gaya tha.

**7** us ne hadassa nam apanee chacheree bahin ko, jo ester bhee kahalatee thee, palaposa tha kyonaki usake mata-mita koi n the, aur vah ladkee sundar aur roopavatee thee, aur jab usake mata-pita mar gaa, tab mordakaai ne usako apanee bettee karake pala.

**8** jab raja kee agyaa aur niyam sunaae gaa, aur bahut see yuvatee striaya, shooshan gaddh men hege ke adhaikar men ikatthee kee gai, tab aester bhee rajabhvan men striayon ke rakhvale hege ke adhaikar men saunpee gai.

<sup>9</sup> aur vah yuvatee sree usakee draashti men achchhee lagee aur vah us se prasann hua, tab us ne bina vilamb use rajabhvan men se shuuddh karane ke vastuae, aur usaka bhojan, aur usake liye chunee hui sat sahelian bhee dee, aur usako aur usakee sahealiyon ko ranavas men sab se achchha rahane ka sthan diya.

<sup>10</sup> aester ne n apanee jati batai thee, n apana kula kyonki mordakaai ne usako agyaa dee thee, ki use n batana.

<sup>11</sup> mordakaai to praatidin ranavas ke angan ke samhane tthalata tha taki jane kee aester kaaisee haai aur usake sath kya hoga?

<sup>12</sup> jab aek aek kanya kee baree hui, ki vah kshayarsha raja ke pas jaa, aur yah us samay hua jab usake sath striayon ke liye ttharaae huae niyam ke anusar barah mah tak vyavahar kiya gaya tha arthata unake shuuddh karane ke din is reeti se beet gaa, ki chh mah tak gandharas ka tel lagaya jata tha, aur chh mah tak sugandhadavy, aur striayon ke shuuddh karane ka aur aur saman lagaya jata tha .

<sup>13</sup> is prakar se vah kanya jab raja ke pas jatee thee, tab jo kuchh vah chahatee ki ranavas se rajabhvan men le jaa, vah usako diya jata tha.

<sup>14</sup> sanjh ko to vah jatee thee aur bihan ko vah lautkar ranavas ke doosare ghar men jakar rakheliyon ke rakhvale raja ke khoje shaashagaj ke aadhaikar men ho jatee thee, aur raja ke pas fir naheen jatee thee. aur yadi raja us se prasann ho jata tha, tab vah nam lekar bulai jatee thee.

<sup>15</sup> jab mordakaai ke chacha abeehaail kee bettee aester, jisako mordakaai ne bettee manakar rakha tha, usakee baree ai ki raja ke pas jaa, tab jo kuchh striayon ke rakhvale raja ke khoje hege ne usake liye ttharaya tha, us se adhaik us ne aur kuchh n manga. aur jitanon ne aester ko dekha, ve sab us se prasann hue.

<sup>16</sup> yon aester rajabhvan men raja kshayarsha ke pas usake rajy ke sataven varsha ke tebet nam dasaven maheene men pahunchai gai.

<sup>17</sup> aur raja ne aester ko aur sab striayon se adhaik pyar kiya, aur aur sab kunvaariyon se aadhaik usake anugrah aur krapa kee draashti usee par hui, is karan us ne usake sir par rajamukutt rakha aur usako vashatee ke sthan par ranee banaya.

<sup>18</sup> tab raja ne apane sab hakimon aur karmachaariyon kee badee jevanar karake, use aester kee jevanar kaha aur praanton men chhuttee dilai, aur apanee udarata ke yogy inam bhee bantte.

<sup>19</sup> jab kunvaariyan doosaree bar ikatthee kee gai, tab mordakaai rajabhvan ke faattk men baaita tha.

<sup>20</sup> aur aester ne apanee jaati aur kul ka pata naheen diya tha, kyonaki mordakaai ne usako aeese agyaa dee thee ki n bataae aur aester mordakaai kee bat aeese manatee thee jaise ki usake yahan apane palan poshan ke samay manatee thee.

<sup>21</sup> unheen dinon men jab mordakaai raja ke rajabhvan ke faattk men baaita karata tha, tab raja ke khoje jo darapal bhee the, un men se bikatan aur teresh nam do janon ne raja kshayarsha se rootkar us par hath chalane kee yuktai kee.

<sup>22</sup> yah bat mordakaai ko maloom hui, aur us ne aester ranee ko yah bat batai, aur aester ne mordakaai ka nam lekar raja ko chitaunee dee.

<sup>23</sup> tab janch padtal hone par yah bat sach nikalee aur ve donon vraksha par lattka diae gaa, aur yah vrattant raja ke samhane itihās kee pustak men likh liya gaya.

## ADHYĀYA 3

**1** In baton ke bad raja kshayarsha ne agamee hammadata ke putra haman ko unch pad diya, aur usako mahatv dekar usake liye usake sathee hakimon ke sinhasanon se uncha sinhasan ttharaya.

**2** aur raja ke sab karmacharee jo rajabhvan ke faattk men raha karate the, ve haman ke samhane jhukakar dandvat kiya karate the kyonaki raja ne usake vishay aeese hee agyaa dee thee parantu mordakaai n to jhukata tha aur n usako dandvat karata tha.

**3** tab raja ke karmacharee jo rajabhvan ke faattk men raha karate the, unhon ne mordakaai se poochha,

**4** too raja kee agyaa kyon ulanghan karata haai? jab ve us se pratidin aeese hee kahate rahe, aur us ne unakee aek n manee, tab unhon ne yah dekhne kee ichchha se ki mordakaai kee yah bat chalegee ki nahee, haman ko bata diya us ne to unako bata diya tha ki maain yahooddee hoo.

**5** jab haman ne dekha, ki mordakaai naheen jhukata, aur n mujh ko dandvat karata haai, tab haman bahut hee krodhait hua.

**6** us ne keval mordakaai par hath chalana apane maryada ke neeche jana. kyonki unhon ne haman ko yah bata diya tha, ki mordakaai kis jati ka haai, isaliye haman ne kshayarsha ke samraajy men rahanevale sare yahoodiyon ko bhee mordakaai kee jaati janakar, vinash kar dalane kee yuktai nikalee.

**7** raja kshayarsha ke barahaven varsha ke neesan nam paahile maheene me, haman ne adar nam barahaven maheene tak ke aek aek din aur aek aek maheene ke liye poora arthata chitthee apne samhane dlavai.

**8** aur haman ne raja kshayarsha se kaha, tere rajy ke sab praanton men rahanevale desh desh ke logon ke madhy men titar bitar aur chhtti kee hui aek jati haai, jisake niyam aur sab logon ke niyamon se bhainn haain aur ve raja ke kanoon par naheen chalute, isaaliye unhen rahane dena raja ko labhdayak naheen haai.

**9** yaadi raja ko sveekar ho to unhen nasht karane kee agyaa likhee jaa, aur maain raj ke bhndariyon ke hath men rajabhndar men pahunchane ke lilaye, das hajar kikkar chandee doonga.

**10** tab raja ne apane angoottee apne hath se utarakar agagee hammadata ke putra haman ko, jo yahoodiyon ka vaairee tha de dee.

**11** aur raja ne haman se kaha, vah chandee tujhe dee gai haai, aur ve log bhee, taaki too un se jaaisa tera jee chahe vaaisa hee vyavahar kare.

**12** yon usee pahile maheene ke terahaven din ko raja ke lekhk bulaae gaa, aur haman kee agyaa ke anusar raja ke sab adhaipaatiyo, aur sab praanton ke pradhaano, aur desh desh ke logon ke haakimon ke liye chitthiya, aek aek praant ke aksharon me, aur aek aek desh ke logon kee bhasha men raja kshayarsha ke nam se likhee gai aur un men raja kee angoottee kee chhap lagai gai.

**13** aur rajy ke sab praanton men is ashay kee chitthiyan har daakiyon ke dara bhejee gai ki aek hee din me, arthata adar nam barahaven maheene ke terahaven din ko, kya javan, kya booddha, kya sre, kya balak, sab yahooddee vidhvansaghaat aur nash kiae jaaen aur unakee dhan sammaattai loott lee jaae.

**14** us agyaa ke lekh kee nakalen sab praanton men khulee hui bhejee gai ki sab deshaen ke log us din ke liye taaiyar ho jaen.

**15** yah agyaa shooshan gaddh men dee gai, aur daakiae raja kee agyaa se turant nikal gaae. aur raja aur haman to jevanar men baait gaae parantu shooshan nagar men ghabarahatt faail gai.

## ADHYĀYA 4

**J**ab mordakaai ne jan liya ki kya kya kiya gaya haai tab mordakaai vasr faad, ttatt pahin, rakh dalakar, nagar ke madhy jakar unche aur dukhbhre shabd se chillane laga

<sup>2</sup> aur vah rajabhvan ke faattk ke samhane pahuncha, parantu ttatt pahine huae rajabhvan ke faattk ke bheetar to kisee ke jane kee agyaa n thee.

<sup>3</sup> aur aek aek praant me, jahan jahan raja kee agyaa aur niyam pahuncha, vahan vahan yahooddee bada vilap karane aur upavas karane aur rone peettne lage varan bahutere ttatt paahine aur rakh dale huae pade rahe.

<sup>4</sup> aur aester ranee kee sahealiyon aur khojon ne jakar usako bata diya, tab ranee shaek se bhr gai aur mordakaai ke pas vasr bhejekar yah kahalaya ki ttatt utarakar inhen paahin le, parantu us ne unhen n liya.

<sup>5</sup> tab aester ne raja ke khojon men se hatak ko jise raja ne usake pas rahane ko ttharaya tha, bulavakar agyaa dee, ki mordakaai ke pas jakar maloom kar le, ki kya bat haai aur isaka kya karan haai.

<sup>6</sup> tab hatak nagar ke us chauk me, jo rajabhvan ke faattk ke samhane tha, mordakaai ke pas nikal gaya.

<sup>7</sup> mordakaai ne usako sab kuchh bata diya ki mere upar kya kya beeta haai, aur haman ne yahoodiyon ke nash karane kee anumati pane ke liye rajabhndar men kitanee chandee bhr dene ka vachan diya haai, yah bhee tteek tteek batala diya.

<sup>8</sup> fir yahoodiyon ko vinash karane kee jo agyaa shooshan men dee gai thee, usakee aek nakal bhee us ne hatak ke hath me, aester ko dikhane ke liye dee, aur use sab hal batane, aur yah agyaa dene ko kaha, ki bheetar raja ke pas jakar apane logon ke liye gidgidakar binatee kare.

<sup>9</sup> tab hatak ne aester ke pas jakar mordakaai kee baten kah sunai.

<sup>10</sup> tab aester ne hatak ko mordakaai se yah kahane kee agyaa dee,

<sup>11</sup> ki raja ke sab karmachaariyo, varan raja ke praanton ke sab logon ko bhee maloom haai, ki kya purush kya sree koi kyon n ho, jo agyaa bina paae bheetaree angan men raja ke pas jaaega usake mar dalane hee kee agyaa haai keval jisakee or raja sone ka rajadand baddhaae vahee bachata haai. parantu maain ab tees din se raja ke pas naheen bulai gai hoo.

<sup>12</sup> aester kee ye baten mordakaai ko sunai gai.

<sup>13</sup> tab mordakaai ne aester ke pas yah kahala bheja, ki too man hee man yah vichar n kar, ki maain hee rajabhvan men rahane ke karan aur sab yahoodiyon men se bachee rahoongee.

<sup>14</sup> kyonaki jo too is samay chupachap rahe, to aur kisee n kisee upay se yahoodiyon ka chhuttkara aur uddhar ho jaaega, parantu too apane pita ke gharane samet nash hogee. fir kya jane tujhe aeese hee kattrnai samay ke liye rajapad mil gaya ho?

<sup>15</sup> tab aester ne mordakaai ke pas yah kahala bheja,

<sup>16</sup> ki too jakar shooshan ke sab yahoodiyon ko ikattha kar, aur tum sab milakar mere nimitt upavas karo, teen din rat n to kuchh khao, aur n kuchh peeo. aur maain bhee apanee saheliyon saahit usee reeati upavas karoongee. aur aeese hee dasa men maain niyam ke viruddh raja ke pas bheetar jaungee aur yadi nash ho gai to ho gai.

<sup>17</sup> tab mordakaai chala gaya aur aester kee agyaa ke anusar hee us ne kiya.

## ADHYĀYA 5

**t**eesare din aester apane rajakeey vasr paahinakar rajabhvan ke bheetaree angan men jakar, rajabhvan ke samhane khdee ho gai. raja to rajabhvan men rajagaee par bhvan ke dar ke samhane virajaman tha

<sup>2</sup> aur jab raja ne aester ranee ko angan men khdee huirar dekha, tab us se prasann hokar sone ka rajadand jo usake hath men tha usakee or baddhaya. tab aester ne nikatt jakar rajadand kee lok chhui.

<sup>3</sup> tab raja ne us se poochha, he aesater ranee, tujhe kya chaahiye? aur too ky mangatee haai? mang aur tujhe adha rajy tak diya jaaega.

<sup>4</sup> aester ne kaha, yadi raja ko sveekar ho, to aj haman ko sath lekar us jevanar men aa, jo maain ne raja ke liye taaiyar kee haai.

<sup>5</sup> tab raja ne agyaa dee ki haman ko turant le ao, ki aester ka nimantran grahan kiya jaae. so raja aur haman aester kee taaiyar kee hui jevanar men aae.

<sup>6</sup> jevanar ke samay jab dakhmadha piya jata tha, tab raja ne aester se kaha, tera kya nivedan haai? vah poora kiya jaaega. aur too kya mangatee haai? mang, or adha rajy tak tujhe diya jaaega.

<sup>7</sup> aester ne uttar diya, mera nivedan aur jo maain mangatee hoo vah yah haai,

<sup>8</sup> ki yadi raja mujh par prasann haai aur mera nivedan sunana aur jo varadan maain mangoon vahee dena raja ko sveekar ho, to raja aur haman kal us jevanar men aaen jise maain unake liye karoongee, aur kal maain raja ke is vachan ke anusar karoongee.

<sup>9</sup> us din haman anandait or man men prasann hokar bahar gaya. parantu jab us ne mordakaai ko rajabhvan ke faattk men dekha, ki vah usake samhane n to khda hua, aur n hatta, tab vah mordakaai ke viruddh krodha se bhr gaya.

<sup>10</sup> taubhee vah apane ko rokakar apane ghar gaya aur apane mitraen aur apanee sree jeresh ko bulava bheja.

<sup>11</sup> tab haman ne, un se apane dhan ka vibhv, aur apane ladke-balon kee baddhatee aur raja ne usako kaaise kaaise baddhaya, aur aur sab haakimon aur apane aur sab karmachaariyon se uncha pad diya tha, in sab ka varnn kiya.

<sup>12</sup> haman ne yah bhee kaha, ki aester ranee ne bhee mujhe chhod aur kisee ko raja ke sang, apanee kee hui jevanar men ane n diya aur kal ke liye bhee raja ke sang us ne mujhee ko nevata diya haai.

<sup>13</sup> taubhee jab jab mujhe vah yahooddee mordakaai rajabhvan ke faattk men baaitta hua dikhai padta haai, tab tab yah sab meree draashtti men vyarth haai.

<sup>14</sup> usakee patnee jeresh aur usake sab mitraen ne us se kaha, pachas hath uncha faansee ka ek khmbha, banaya jaa, aur bihan ko raja se kahana, ki us par mordakaai lattka diya jae tab raja ke sang anand se jevanar men jana. is bat se prasann hokar haman ne baaisa hee faansee ka ek khmbha banavaya.

## ADHYĀYA 6

**U**s rat raja ko neend naheen ai, isaliye usakee agyaa se itihās kee pustak lai gai, aur paddhkar raja ko sunai gai.

<sup>2</sup> aur yah likha hua mila, ki jab raja kshayarsha ke haakim jo darapal bhee the, un men se bigatana aur teresh nam do janon ne us par hath chalane kee yuktai kee thee use mordakaai ne pragatt kiya tha.

<sup>3</sup> tab raja ne poochha, isake badale mordakaai kee kya praatishtta aur badai kee gai? raja ke jo sevak usakee seva tthal kar rahe the, unhon ne usako uttar diya, usake liye kuchh

bhee naheen kiya gaya.

<sup>4</sup> raja ne poochha, angan men kaun haai? usee samay to haman raja ke bhvan se baharee angan men is manasa se aya tha, ki jo khmbha us ne mordakaai ke liye taaiyar karaya tha, us par usako lattka dene kee charcha raja se kare.

<sup>5</sup> tab raja ke sevakon ne us se kaha, angan men to haman khda haai. raja ne kaha, use bheetar bulava lao.

<sup>6</sup> jab haman bheetar aya, tab raja ne us se poochha, jis manushy kee pratishtta raja karana chahata ho to usake liye kya karana uchit hoga? haman ne yah sochakar, ki mujh se adhaik raja kis kee pratishtta karana chahata hoga?

<sup>7</sup> raja ko uttar diya, jis manushy kee pratishtta raja karana chahe,

<sup>8</sup> to usake liye rajakeey vasr laya jaa, jo raja pahinata haai, aur aek ghoda bhee, jis par raja savar hota haai, or usake sir par jo rajakeey mukutt dhara jata haai vah bhee laya jaae.

<sup>9</sup> fir vah vasr, aur vah ghoda raja ke kisee bade haakim ko saunpa jaa, aur jisakee pratishtta raja karana chahata ho, usako vah vasr pahinaya jaa, aur us ghaede par savar karake, nagar ke chauk men use firaya jaae aur usake age age yah prachar kiya jaa, ki jisakee pratishtta raja karana chahata haai, usake sath aeesea hee kiya jaaega.

<sup>10</sup> raja ne haman se kaha, faulta karake apne kahane ke anusar us vasr aur us ghaede ko lekar, us yahooddee mordakaai se jo rajabhvan ke faattk men baaitta karata haai, vaaisa hee kara. jaisa too ne kaha haai us men kuchh bhee kamee hone n paae.

<sup>11</sup> tab haman ne us vasr, aur us ghaede ko lekar, mordakaai ko pahinaya, aur use ghaede par chaddhakar, nagar ke chauk men is prakar pukarata hua ghaumaya ki jisakee pratishtta raja karana chahata haai usake sath aeesea hee kiya jaaega.

<sup>12</sup> tab mordakaai to rajabhvan ke faattk men laut gaya parantu haman shaek karata hua aur sir ddhanpe huae jhtt apne ghar ko gaya.

<sup>13</sup> aur haman ne apanee pattee jeresh aur apane sab mitraen se sab kuchh jo us par beeta tha varnn kiya.

<sup>14</sup> tab usake buaddhiman mitraen aur usakee patnee jeresh ne us se kaha, mordakaai jise too neecha dikhna chahata haai, yaadi vah yahoodiyon ke vansh men ka haai, to too us par prabal n hone paaega us se pooree reeti neecha hee khaega. ve us se baten kar hee rahe the, ki raja ke khoje akar, haman ko aester kee kee hui jevanar men faulta se liva le gaae.

## ADHYĀYA 7

**S**o raja aur haman aester ranee kee jevanar men agaae.

<sup>2</sup> aur raja ne doosare din dakhmadha peete-peete aester se fir poochha, he aester ranee ! tera kya nivedan haai? vah poora kiya jaaega. aur too kya mangatee haai? mang, aur adha rajy tak tujhe diya jaaega.

<sup>3</sup> aester ranee ne uttar diya, he raja ! yaadi too mujh par prasann haai, aur raja ko yah sveekar ho, to mere nivedan se mujhe, aur mere mangane se mere logon ko praandan mile.

<sup>4</sup> kyonaki maain aaair meree jati ke log bech dale gaae haai, aur ham sab vidhvansaghaat aur nash kiae janevale haain. yaadi ham keval dasa-dasee ho jane ke liye bech dale jate, to maain chup rahatee chahe us dasa men bhee vah virodhaee raja kee haani bhr n sakata.

<sup>5</sup> tab raja kshayarsha ne aester ranee se poochha, vah kaun haai? aur kahan haai jis ne



aeesa karane kee manasa kee haai?

<sup>6</sup> aester ne uttar diya haai ki vah virodhaee aur shatra yahee dushtt haman haai. tab haman raja-ranee ke samhate bhyabheet ho gaya.

<sup>7</sup> raja to jalajalahatt men a, madha peene se uttkar, rajabhvan kee baree men nikal gaya aur haman yah dekhkar ki raja ne meree hani ttanee hogee, aester ranee se praandan mangane ko khda hua.

<sup>8</sup> jab raja rajabhvan kee baree se dakhmadha peene ke sthan men lautt aya tab kya dekha, ki haman usee chaukee par jis par aester baaittee haai pada haai aur raja ne kaha, kya yah ghar hee men mere samhane hee ranee se barabas karana chahata haai? raja ke munh se yah vachan nikala hee tha, ki sevakon ne haman ka munh ddhanp diya.

<sup>9</sup> tab raja ke samhane upasthit rahanevale khojon men se havana nam aek ne raja se kaha, haman ko yahan pachas hath uncha faansee ka aek khmbha khda haai, jo us ne mordakaai ke liye banavaya haai, jis ne raja ke hit kee bat kahee thee. raja ne kaha, usako usee par lattka do.

<sup>10</sup> tab haman usee khmbhe par jo us ne mordakaai ke liye taaiyar karaya tha, lattka diya gaya. is par raja kee jalajalahatt ttndee ho gai.

## ADHYĀYA 8

**U**see din raja kshayarsha ne yahoodiyon ke virodhaee haman ka gharabar ester ranee ko de diya. aur mordakaai raja ke samhane aya, kyonki ester ne raja ko bataya tha, ki us se usaka kya nata tha

<sup>2</sup> tab raja ne apanee vah angoottee jo us ne haman se le lee thee, utar kar, mordakaai ko de dee. aur aesater ne mordakaai ko haman ke gharabar par adhaikaree niyukt kar diya.

<sup>3</sup> fir aester doosaree bar raja se bolee aur usake panv par gir, ansoo baha bahakar us se gidgidakar bintee kee, ki agagee haman kee burai aur yahoodiyon kee haani kee usakee yuktai nishfal kee jaae.

<sup>4</sup> tab raja ne aester kee or sone ka rajadand baddhaya.

<sup>5</sup> tab aester uttkar raja ke samhane khdee hui aur kahane lagee ki yadi raja ko sveekar ho aur vah mujh se prasann haai aur yah bat usako tteek jan pade, aur maain bhee usako achchhee lagatee hoo, to jo chitthiyan hammadata agagee ke putra haman ne raja ke sab praanton ke yahoodiyon ko nash karane kee yuktai karake likhai thee, unako palattne ke liye likha jaae.

<sup>6</sup> kyonaki maain apane jaati ke logon par padnevalee us vipaattai ko kis reeti se dekh sakoongee? aur maain apane bhaiyon ke vinash ko kyonkar dekh sakoongee?

<sup>7</sup> tab raja kshayarsha ne aester ranee se aur mordakaai yahoodee se kaha, maain haman ka gharabar to aester ko de chuka hoo, aur vah faansee ke khmbhe par lattka diya gaya haai, isaliye ki us ne yahoodiyon par hath baddhaya tha.

<sup>8</sup> so tum apanee samajh ke anusar raja ke nam se yahoodiyon ke nam par likho, aur raja kee angoottee kee chhap bhee lagao kyonki jo chitthee raja ke nam se likhee jaa, aur us par usakee angoottee kee chhap lagai jaa, usako koi bhee palatt naheen sakata.

<sup>9</sup> so usee samay arthata seevan nam teesare maheene ke teisaven din ko raja ke lekhk bulavaae gaae aur jis jis bat kee agyaa mordakaai ne unhen dee thee use yahoodiyon aur aadhaipaatiyon aur hindustan se lekar koosh tak, jo aek sau sattaais praant haai, un sabhon ke aadhaipaatiyon aur haakimon ko aek aek praant ke aksharon men aur aek aek desh ke logon kee bhasha me, aur yahoodiyon ko unake aksharon aur bhasha men likhee gai.



- <sup>10</sup> mordakaai ne raja kshayarsha ke nam se chitthiyan likhakar, aur un par raja kee angoottee ke chhap lagakar, veg chalanevale sarakaree ghaedo, khchcharon aur sandniyon kee dak lagakar, harakaron ke hath bhej deen.
- <sup>11</sup> in chitthiyan men sab nagaron ke yahoodiyan ko raja kee or se anumati dee gai, ki ve ikatthe hon aur apana apana praan bachane ke liye taaiyar hokar, jis jati va praant se log anyay karake unako va unakee striayon aur balabachchon ko dukh dena chahe, unako vidhvansaghaat aur nash kare, aur unakee dhan sammattai loott len.
- <sup>12</sup> aur yah raja kshayarsha ke sab praanton men aek hee din men kiya jaa, arthata adar nam barahaven maheene ke terahaven din ko.
- <sup>13</sup> is agyaa ke lekh kee nakale, samast praanton men sab deshon ke logon ke pas khulee hui bhejee gai taaki yahooddee us din apane shatrauon se palatta lene ko taaiyar rahen.
- <sup>14</sup> so harakare veg chalanevale sarakaree ghaedon par savar hokar, raja kee agyaa se fauta karake jaldee chale gaa, aur yah agyaa shooshan rajagaddh men dee gai thee.
- <sup>15</sup> tab mordakaai neele aur shvet rang ke rajakeey vasr paahine aur sir par sone ka bada mumutt dhare huae aur sookshamasan aur baainjanee rang ka бага paahine hua, raja ke sammukh se nikala, aur shooshan nagar ke log anand ke mare lalakar utte.
- <sup>16</sup> aur yahoodiyan ko anand aur harsha hua aur unakee badee praatishtta hui.
- <sup>17</sup> aur jis jis praant, aur jis jis nagar me, jahan kaheen raja kee agyaa aur niyam pahunchhe, vahan vahan yahoodiyan ko anand aur harsha hua, aur unhon ne jevanar karake us din ko khushaee ka din mana. aur us desh ke logon men se bahut log yahooddee ban gaa, kyonki unake man men yahoodiyan ka dr sama gaya tha.

## ADHYĀYA 9

- a**dar nam barahaven maheene ke terahaven din ko, jis din raja kee agyaa aur niyam poore hone ko the, aur yahoodiyan ke shatra un par prabal hone kee asha rakhte the, parantu isake ulatte yahooddee apane vaairiyan par prabal hua, us din,
- <sup>2</sup> yahooddee log raja kshayarsha ke sab praanton men apane apane nagar men ikatthe hua, ki jo unakee hani karane ka yatn kare, un par hath chalaee. aur koi unaka samhana n kar saka, kyonki unaka bhy desh desh ke sab logon ke man men sama gaya tha.
- <sup>3</sup> varan praanton ke sab haakimon aur aadhaipaatiyan aur pradhaanon aur raja ke karmachaariyan ne yahoodiyan kee sahayata kee, kyonki unake man men mordakaai ka bhy sama gaya tha.
- <sup>4</sup> mordakaai to raja ke yahan bahut pratisthit tha, aur usakee keettair sab praanton men faail gai varan us purush mordakaai kee mahima baddhtee chalee gai.
- <sup>5</sup> aur yahoodiyan ne apane sab shatrauon ko talavar se marakar aur ghaat karake nash kar dala, aur apane vaairiyan se apanee ichchha ke anusar bartav kiya.
- <sup>6</sup> aur shooshan rajagaddh men yahoodiyan ne panch sau manushyon ko ghaat karake nash kiya.
- <sup>7</sup> aur unhon ne parshandata, dalpon, aspata,
- <sup>8</sup> porata, adalya, areedata,
- <sup>9</sup> parmashata, areesaai, areedaai aur vaaijata,
- <sup>10</sup> arthata hammadata ke putra yahoodiyan ke virodhaee haman ke dason putraen ko bhee ghaat kiya parantu unake dhan ko n lootta.
- <sup>11</sup> usee din shooshan rajagaddh men ghaat kiae huon kee ginatee raja ko sunai gai.
- <sup>12</sup> tab raja ne aester ranee se kaha, yahoodiyan ne shooshan rajagaddh hee men panch

sau manushy aur haman ke dason putraen ko bhee ghaat karake nash kiya haai fir rajy ke aur aur praanton men unhon ne n jane kya kya kiya hoga ! ab is se aadhaik tera nivedan kya haai? vah bhee poora kiya jaaega. aur too kya mangatee haai? vah bhee tujhe diya jaaega.

**13** aester ne kaha, yadi raja ko sveekar ho to shooshan ke yahoodiyon ko aj kee nai kal bhee karane kee agyaa dee jaa, aur haman ke dason putra faansee ke khmbhen par lattkaae jaaen.

**14** raja ne kaha, aeese kiya jaae yah agyaa shooshan men dee gai, aur haman ke dason putra lattkaae gaae.

**15** aur shooshan ke yahoodiyon ne adar maheene ke chaudahaven din ko bhee ikatthe hokar shooshan men teen sau purushaen ko ghaat kiya, parantu dhan ko n lootta.

**16** rajy ke aur aur praanton ke yahoodiee ikatthe hokar apana apana praan bachane ke liye khde hua, aur apane vaairiyon men se pachahattar hajar manushyon ko ghaat karake apane shatrauon se vishraam paya parantu dhan ko n lootta.

**17** yah adar maheene ke terahaven din ko kiya gaya, aur chaudahaven din ko unhon ne vishraam karake jevanar kee aur anand ka din ttharaya.

**18** parantu shooshan ke yahoodiee adar maheene ke terahaven din ko, aur usee maheene ke chaudahaven din ko ikatthe hua, aur usee maheene ke pandrahaven din ko unhon ne vishraam karake jevanar ka aur anand ka din ttharaya.

**19** is karan dehatee yahoodiee jo bina shaharapanah kee baastaiyon men rahate haai, ve adar maheene ke chaudahaven din ko anand or jevanar aur khushaee aur apas men baaina bhejane ka din niyukt karake manate haain.

**20** in baton ka vrattant likhkar, mordakaai ne raja kshayarsha ke sab praanton me, kya nikatt kya door rahanevale sare yahoodiyon ke pas chitthiyan bhejee,

**21** aur yah agyaa dee, ki adar maheene ke chaudahaven aur usee maheene ke pandrahaven din ko prati varsha mana karen.

**22** jin men yahoodiyon ne apane shatrauon se vishraam paya, aur yah maheena jis men shaek anand se, aur vilap khushaee se badala gaya mana karen aur unako jevanar aur anand aur aek doosare ke pas baaina bhejane or kangalon ko dan dene ke din manen.

**23** aur yahoodiyon ne jaaisa arambh kiya tha, aur jaaisa mordakaai ne unhen likha, vaaisa hee karane ka nishchay kar liya.

**24** kyonaki hammadata agagee ka putra haman jo sab yahoodiyon ka virodhaee tha, us ne yahoodiyon ke nash karane kee yuktai kee, aur unhen mitta dalane aur nash karane ke liye poor arthata chitthee dalee thee.

**25** parantu jab raja ne yah jan liya, tab us ne agyaa dee aur likhvai ki jo dusht yuuktai haman ne yahoodiyon ke viruddh kee thee vah usee ke sir par palatt aa, tab vah aur usake putra faansee ke kshambhon par lattkaae gaae.

**26** is karan un dinon ka nam poor shabd se pooreem rakha gaya. is chitthee kee sab baton ke kara, aur jo kuchh unhon ne is vishay men dekha aur jo kuchh un par beeta tha, usake karan bhee

**27** yahoodiyon ne apane apane liye aur apanee santan ke liye, aur un sabhon ke liye bhee jo un men mil gaae the yah attl pran kiya, ki us lekh ke anusar prati varsha usake ttharaae huae samay men ve ye do din manen.

**28** aur peeddhee peeddhee, kul kul, praant praant, nagar nagar men ye din smaran kiae aur mane jaaenge. aur pooreem nam ke din yahoodiyon men kabhee n mittenge aur unaka smaran unake vansh se jata n rahega.

**29** fir abeehaail kee bettee aester ranee, aur mordakaai yahoodiee ne, pooreem ke vishay

yah doosaree chitthee bade aadhaikar ke sath likhee.

<sup>30</sup> isakee nakalen mordakaai ne kshayarsha ke rajy ke, aek sau sattaishon praanton ke sab yahoodiyon ke pas shaantai denevalee aur sachchee baton ke sath is ashay se bhejee,

<sup>31</sup> ki pooreem ke un dinon ke vishosh ttharaae huae samayon men mordakaai yahooddee aur aester ranee kee agyaa ke anusar, aur jo yahoodiyon ne apane aur apanee santan ke liye ttan liya tha, usake anusar bhee upavas aur vilap kiae jaaen.

<sup>32</sup> aur pooreem ke vishy ka yah niyam aester kee agyaa se bhee sthiar kiya gaya, aur unakee charcha pustak men likhee gai.

## ADHYĀYA 10

**a**ur raja kshayarsha ne desh aur samudra ke ttapoo donon par kar lagaya.

<sup>2</sup> aur usake mahatmy aur parakram ke kamo, aur mordakaai kee us badai ka poora byora, jo raja ne usakee kee thee, kya vah madaai aur faaras ke rajaon ke iatihās kee pustak men naheen likha haai?

<sup>3</sup> nidan yahooddee mordakaai, kshayarsha raja hee ke neeche tha, aur yahoodiyon kee draashtti men bada tha, aur usake sab bhai us se prasann the, kyonki vah apane logon kee bhlai kee khoj men raha karata tha aur apane sab logon se shaantai kee baten kaha karata tha.

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