

I see 6 decrees in Esther, not 5:  
Esther 1:19-20 divorce decree  
Esther 2:1-8 decree to gather virgins  
Esther 3&4 Haman's decree to kill the Jews  
Esther 8 decree that Jew's could defend themselves  
Esther 9:14 decree to hang Haman's 10 sons  
Esther 9:31, 32 Esther's decree of Purim

**Est 1:8** And the drinking<sup>H8360</sup> *was* according to the law;<sup>H1881</sup> none<sup>H369</sup> did compel;<sup>H597</sup> for<sup>H3588</sup> so<sup>H3651</sup> the king<sup>H4428</sup> had appointed<sup>H3245</sup> to<sup>H5921</sup> all<sup>H3605</sup> the officers<sup>H7227</sup> of his house,<sup>H1004</sup> that they should do<sup>H6213</sup> according to every man's<sup>H376</sup> <sup>H376</sup> pleasure.<sup>H7522</sup>

**Est 1:13** Then the king<sup>H4428</sup> said<sup>H559</sup> to the wise men,<sup>H2450</sup> which knew<sup>H3045</sup> the times,<sup>H6256</sup> (for<sup>H3588</sup> so<sup>H3651</sup> *was* the king's<sup>H4428</sup> manner<sup>H1697</sup> toward<sup>H6440</sup> all<sup>H3605</sup> that knew<sup>H3045</sup> law<sup>H1881</sup> and judgment:<sup>H1779</sup>

**Est 1:15** What<sup>H4100</sup> shall we do<sup>H6213</sup> unto the queen<sup>H4436</sup> Vashti<sup>H2060</sup> according to law,<sup>H1881</sup> because<sup>H5921</sup> <sup>H834</sup> she hath not<sup>H3808</sup> performed<sup>H6213</sup> (H853) the commandment<sup>H3982</sup> of the king<sup>H4428</sup> Ahasuerus<sup>H325</sup> by<sup>H3027</sup> the chamberlains?<sup>H5631</sup>

**Est 1:19** If<sup>H518</sup> it please<sup>H2895</sup> <sup>H5921</sup> the king,<sup>H4428</sup> let there go<sup>H3318</sup> a royal<sup>H4438</sup> commandment<sup>H1697</sup> from<sup>H4480</sup> <sup>H6440</sup> him, and let it be written<sup>H3789</sup> among the laws<sup>H1881</sup> of the Persians<sup>H6539</sup> and the Medes,<sup>H4074</sup> that it be not<sup>H3808</sup> altered,<sup>H5674</sup> That<sup>H834</sup> Vashti<sup>H2060</sup> come<sup>H935</sup> no<sup>H3808</sup> more before<sup>H6440</sup> king<sup>H4428</sup> Ahasuerus;<sup>H325</sup> and let the king<sup>H4428</sup> give<sup>H5414</sup> her royal estate<sup>H4438</sup> unto another<sup>H7468</sup> that is better<sup>H2896</sup> than<sup>H4480</sup> she.

**Est 2:8** So it came to pass,<sup>H1961</sup> when the king's<sup>H4428</sup> commandment<sup>H1697</sup> and his decree<sup>H1881</sup> was heard,<sup>H8085</sup> and when many<sup>H7227</sup> maidens<sup>H5291</sup> were gathered together<sup>H6908</sup> unto<sup>H413</sup> Shushan<sup>H7800</sup> the palace,<sup>H1002</sup> to<sup>H413</sup> the custody<sup>H3027</sup> of Hegai,<sup>H1896</sup> that Esther<sup>H635</sup> was brought<sup>H3947</sup> also unto<sup>H413</sup> the king's<sup>H4428</sup> house,<sup>H1004</sup> to<sup>H413</sup> the custody<sup>H3027</sup> of Hegai,<sup>H1896</sup> keeper<sup>H8104</sup> of the women.<sup>H802</sup>

**Est 2:12** Now when every maid's<sup>H5291</sup> <sup>H5291</sup> turn<sup>H8447</sup> was come<sup>H5060</sup> to go in<sup>H935</sup> to<sup>H413</sup> king<sup>H4428</sup> Ahasuerus,<sup>H325</sup> after that<sup>H4480</sup> <sup>H7093</sup> she had been<sup>H1961</sup> twelve<sup>H8147</sup> <sup>H6240</sup> months,<sup>H2320</sup> according to the manner<sup>H1881</sup> of the women,<sup>H802</sup> (for<sup>H3588</sup> so<sup>H3651</sup> were the days<sup>H3117</sup> of their purifications<sup>H4795</sup> accomplished,<sup>H4390</sup> *to wit*, six<sup>H8337</sup> months<sup>H2320</sup> with oil<sup>H8081</sup> of myrrh,<sup>H4753</sup> and six<sup>H8337</sup> months<sup>H2320</sup> with sweet odours,<sup>H1314</sup> and with *other* things for the purifying<sup>H8562</sup> of the women;)<sup>H802</sup>

**Est 3:8** And Haman<sup>H2001</sup> said<sup>H559</sup> unto king<sup>H4428</sup> Ahasuerus,<sup>H325</sup> There is<sup>H3426</sup> a certain<sup>H259</sup> people<sup>H5971</sup> scattered abroad<sup>H6340</sup> and dispersed<sup>H6504</sup> among<sup>H996</sup> the people<sup>H5971</sup> in all<sup>H3605</sup> the provinces<sup>H4082</sup> of thy kingdom;<sup>H4438</sup> and their laws<sup>H1881</sup> *are* diverse<sup>H8138</sup> from all<sup>H4480</sup> <sup>H3605</sup> people;<sup>H5971</sup> neither<sup>H369</sup> keep<sup>H6213</sup> they the king's<sup>H4428</sup> laws;<sup>H1881</sup> therefore it is not<sup>H369</sup> for the king's<sup>H4428</sup> profit<sup>H7737</sup> to suffer<sup>H5117</sup> them.

**Est 3:14** The copy<sup>H6572</sup> of the writing<sup>H3791</sup> for a commandment<sup>H1881</sup> to be given<sup>H5414</sup> in every<sup>H3605</sup> province<sup>H4082</sup> <sup>H4082</sup> was published<sup>H1540</sup> unto all<sup>H3605</sup> people,<sup>H5971</sup> that they should be<sup>H1961</sup> ready<sup>H6264</sup> against that<sup>H2088</sup> day.<sup>H3117</sup>

**Est 3:15** The posts<sup>H7323</sup> went out,<sup>H3318</sup> being hastened<sup>H1765</sup> by the king's<sup>H4428</sup> commandment,<sup>H1697</sup> and the decree<sup>H1881</sup> was given<sup>H5414</sup> in Shushan<sup>H7800</sup> the palace.<sup>H1002</sup> And the king<sup>H4428</sup> and Haman<sup>H2001</sup> sat down<sup>H3427</sup> to drink;<sup>H8354</sup> but the city<sup>H5892</sup> Shushan<sup>H7800</sup> was perplexed.<sup>H943</sup>

**Est 4:3** And in every<sup>H3605</sup> province,<sup>H4082</sup> <sup>H4082</sup> whithersoever<sup>H4725</sup> <sup>H834</sup> the king's<sup>H4428</sup> commandment<sup>H1697</sup> and his decree<sup>H1881</sup> came,<sup>H5060</sup> *there was* great<sup>H1419</sup> mourning<sup>H60</sup> among the Jews,<sup>H3064</sup> and fasting,<sup>H6685</sup> and weeping,<sup>H1065</sup> and wailing;<sup>H4553</sup> and many<sup>H7227</sup> lay<sup>H3331</sup> in sackcloth<sup>H8242</sup> and ashes.<sup>H665</sup>

**Est 4:8** Also he gave<sup>H5414</sup> him the copy<sup>H6572</sup> of the writing<sup>H3791</sup> of the decree<sup>H1881</sup> that<sup>H834</sup> was given<sup>H5414</sup> at Shushan<sup>H7800</sup> to destroy<sup>H8045</sup> them, to shew<sup>H7200</sup> it unto<sup>(H853)</sup> Esther, <sup>H635</sup> and to declare<sup>H5046</sup> it unto her, and to charge<sup>H6680</sup> her<sup>H5921</sup> that she should go in<sup>H935</sup> unto<sup>H413</sup> the king, <sup>H4428</sup> to make supplication<sup>H2603</sup> unto him, and to make request<sup>H1245</sup> before<sup>H4480</sup> <sup>H6440</sup> him for<sup>H5921</sup> her people.<sup>H5971</sup>

**Est 4:11** All<sup>H3605</sup> the king's<sup>H4428</sup> servants, <sup>H5650</sup> and the people<sup>H5971</sup> of the king's<sup>H4428</sup> provinces, <sup>H4082</sup> do know, <sup>H3045</sup> that<sup>H834</sup> whosoever, <sup>H3605</sup> <sup>H834</sup> whether<sup>H834</sup> man<sup>H376</sup> or woman, <sup>H802</sup> shall come<sup>H935</sup> unto<sup>H413</sup> the king<sup>H4428</sup> into<sup>H413</sup> the inner<sup>H6442</sup> court, <sup>H2691</sup> who<sup>H834</sup> is not<sup>H3808</sup> called, <sup>H7121</sup> *there is* one<sup>H259</sup> law<sup>H1881</sup> of his to put *him* to death, <sup>H4191</sup> except<sup>H905</sup> such to whom<sup>H4480</sup> <sup>H834</sup> the king<sup>H4428</sup> shall hold out<sup>H3447</sup> <sup>(H853)</sup> the golden<sup>H2091</sup> sceptre, <sup>H8275</sup> that he may live: <sup>H2421</sup> but <sup>H589</sup> have not<sup>H3808</sup> been called<sup>H7121</sup> to come in<sup>H935</sup> unto<sup>H413</sup> the king<sup>H4428</sup> these<sup>H2088</sup> thirty<sup>H7970</sup> days.<sup>H3117</sup>

**Est 4:16** Go, <sup>H1980</sup> gather together<sup>H3664</sup> <sup>(H853)</sup> all<sup>H3605</sup> the Jews<sup>H3064</sup> that are present<sup>H4672</sup> in Shushan, <sup>H7800</sup> and fast<sup>H6684</sup> ye for<sup>H5921</sup> me, and neither<sup>H408</sup> eat<sup>H398</sup> nor<sup>H408</sup> drink<sup>H8354</sup> three<sup>H7969</sup> days, <sup>H3117</sup> night<sup>H3915</sup> or day; <sup>H3117</sup> <sup>H589</sup> I<sup>H589</sup> also<sup>H1571</sup> and my maidens<sup>H5291</sup> will fast<sup>H6684</sup> likewise; <sup>H3651</sup> and so<sup>H3651</sup> will I go in<sup>H935</sup> unto<sup>H413</sup> the king, <sup>H4428</sup> which<sup>H834</sup> is not<sup>H3808</sup> according to the law: <sup>H1881</sup> and if<sup>H834</sup> I perish, <sup>H6</sup> I perish.<sup>H6</sup>

**Est 8:13** The copy<sup>H6572</sup> of the writing<sup>H3791</sup> for a commandment<sup>H1881</sup> to be given<sup>H5414</sup> in every<sup>H3605</sup> province<sup>H4082</sup> <sup>H4082</sup> was published<sup>H1540</sup> unto all<sup>H3605</sup> people, <sup>H5971</sup> and that the Jews<sup>H3064</sup> should be<sup>H1961</sup> ready<sup>H6264</sup> against that<sup>H2088</sup> day<sup>H3117</sup> to avenge themselves<sup>H5358</sup> on their enemies.<sup>H4480</sup> <sup>H341</sup>

**Est 8:14** So the posts<sup>H7323</sup> that rode upon<sup>H7392</sup> mules<sup>H7409</sup> and camels<sup>H327</sup> went out, <sup>H3318</sup> being hastened<sup>H926</sup> and pressed on<sup>H1765</sup> by the king's<sup>H4428</sup> commandment. <sup>H1697</sup> And the decree<sup>H1881</sup> was given<sup>H5414</sup> at Shushan<sup>H7800</sup> the palace.<sup>H1002</sup>

**Est 8:17** And in every<sup>H3605</sup> province, <sup>H4082</sup> <sup>H4082</sup> and in every<sup>H3605</sup> city, <sup>H5892</sup> <sup>H5892</sup> whithersoever<sup>H4725</sup> <sup>H834</sup> the king's<sup>H4428</sup> commandment<sup>H1697</sup> and his decree<sup>H1881</sup> came, <sup>H5060</sup> the Jews<sup>H3064</sup> had joy<sup>H8057</sup> and gladness, <sup>H8342</sup> a feast<sup>H4960</sup> and a good<sup>H2896</sup> day. <sup>H3117</sup> And many<sup>H7227</sup> of the people<sup>H4480</sup> <sup>H5971</sup> of the land<sup>H776</sup> became Jews; <sup>H3054</sup> for<sup>H3588</sup> the fear<sup>H6343</sup> of the Jews<sup>H3064</sup> fell<sup>H5307</sup> upon<sup>H5921</sup> them.

**Est 9:1** Now in the twelfth<sup>H8147</sup> <sup>H6240</sup> month, <sup>H2320</sup> that<sup>H1931</sup> is, the month<sup>H2320</sup> Adar, <sup>H143</sup> on the thirteenth<sup>H7969</sup> <sup>H6240</sup> day<sup>H3117</sup> of the same, when<sup>H834</sup> the king's<sup>H4428</sup> commandment<sup>H1697</sup> and his decree<sup>H1881</sup> drew near<sup>H5060</sup> to be put in execution, <sup>H6213</sup> in the day<sup>H3117</sup> that<sup>H834</sup> the enemies<sup>H341</sup> of the Jews<sup>H3064</sup> hoped<sup>H7663</sup> to have power<sup>H7980</sup> over them, (though it<sup>H1931</sup> was turned to the contrary, <sup>H2015</sup> that<sup>H834</sup> the Jews<sup>H3064</sup> had rule over<sup>H7980</sup> them <sup>H1992</sup> that hated<sup>H8130</sup> them;)

**Est 9:13** Then said<sup>H559</sup> Esther, <sup>H635</sup> If<sup>H518</sup> it please<sup>H2895</sup> <sup>H5921</sup> the king, <sup>H4428</sup> let it be granted<sup>H5414</sup> to the Jews<sup>H3064</sup> which<sup>H834</sup> are in Shushan<sup>H7800</sup> to do<sup>H6213</sup> to morrow<sup>H4279</sup> also<sup>H1571</sup> according unto this day's<sup>H3117</sup> decree, <sup>H1881</sup> and let Haman's<sup>H2001</sup> ten<sup>H6235</sup> sons<sup>H1121</sup> be hanged<sup>H8518</sup> upon<sup>H5921</sup> the gallows.<sup>H6086</sup>

**Est 9:14** And the king<sup>H4428</sup> commanded<sup>H559</sup> it so<sup>H3651</sup> to be done: <sup>H6213</sup> and the decree<sup>H1881</sup> was given<sup>H5414</sup> at Shushan; <sup>H7800</sup> and they hanged<sup>H8518</sup> Haman's<sup>H2001</sup>

## COMMANDMENT and DECREE combination of these two words used in the same verse

### (6 verses in the book of Esther)

Ezr 4:21 Give ye **now commandment** to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until **another commandment** shall be given from me. {Give...: **Chaldee, Make a decree** }

Ezr 6:14 And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia. {commandment: Chaldee, decree }

Es 2:8 So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also unto the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women.

Es 3:15 The posts went out, being hastened by the king's commandment, and the decree was given in Shushan the palace. And the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city Shushan was perplexed.

Es 4:3 And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes. {many...: Heb. sackcloth and ashes were laid under many}

Es 8:14 So the posts that rode upon mules and camels went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment. And the decree was given at Shushan the palace.

Es 8:17 And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

Es 9:1 ¶ Now in the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them;)