



The Scroll of Esther (book/ megillah)

Chapter 1 – Vashti is banished מגורשה

Achashverosh was a powerful king in Persia פרס. He ruled שלט over 127 countries from Hodu to Kush. One day he decided to make a feast משתה in Shushan - the capital city. He invited all the important people of his country.

During במהלך the feast he called for his wife, Queen Vashti. He wanted to show all the guests אורחים how beautiful she was.

Vashti refused סרבה to come, and the king got very angry. He was also worried that all the women in his kingdom would stop obeying לציית their husbands בעלים if they found out that the queen didn't come when the king called her. He decided to teach her a lesson

ללמד אותה לקח and find a new queen.

Chapter 2 – A new queen

The king decided החליט to choose a new queen. At that time a Jewish man called Mordechai lived in Shushan. He looked after Esther, his cousin, because she was an orphan יתומה. Esther was chosen נבחרה to live in the palace. She didn't tell anyone that she was Jewish. The king liked Esther best and chose her to be his queen.

Mordechai spent a lot of time בילה זמן רב near the palace so that he could keep in touch לשמור על קשר with Esther.

One day he overheard שמע במקרה two guards plotting זוממים to kill the king. Mordechai told Esther. She told the king in Mordechai's name.

The guards were hanged and a note הערה made in the king's special book. הספר המיוחד של המלך

Chapter 3 – Haman – the king's advisor* יועץ

King Achashverosh made Haman his chief minister.

ראש השרים Everyone had to bow down להשתחוות whenever

Haman passed, but Mordechai, refused סרב to bow.

This made Haman very angry and he decided to kill Mordechai and all the Jews in the kingdom.

Haman told Achashverosh that there was a nation who refused to obey לציית the king's laws חוקי המלך and that they must be destroyed מושמדים. The king agreed.

הסכים

Haman decided that on the 13th day of Adar all the king's subjects נתיני המלך would kill the Jews.

Chapter 4 – The Fast צום

When Mordechai learned what had happened, he sent a message to Esther, telling her that she must go to King Ahashverosh and ask for להתחנן her people.

Esther said that she would fast תצום for 3 days and asked that all the Jews in Shushan should fast too.

She said: "...then I will go to the king, even though למרות it is against the law בניגוד לחוק, and if I must die, then I will."

Chapter 5 – The fateful feast המשתה הגורלי

On the third day, Esther put on royal מלכותי clothes and went to the king. The king was happy to see Esther and pointed the gold scepter שרביט זהב at her. "What is it you wish רוצה, Queen Esther? Even if you want half the kingdom עד חצי המלכות, I will give it to you." Esther said, "I would like to invite להזמין the king and Haman to a feast משתה." At the feast Esther asked them to come back the next day for yet another feast. Haman left in a very good mood - until he saw Mordechai who wouldn't bow down השתחויה. He arrived home very angry. He told his wife Zeresh and their friends that all his wealth עושר and power meant nothing to him לא היה משמעותי בעיניו as long as he had to look at that man Mordechai. They suggested that he build a big gallows גרדום and ask the king to hang Mordechai on it in the morning. Haman liked the idea.

Chapter 6 – The king honors מכבד Mordechai

That night, the king could not sleep, and asked for his book of chronicles[1] ספר הזכרונות. He read how Mordechai had saved him from the two guards, and had never been rewarded לא קיבל תגמול. At that moment Haman arrived to speak with the king about hanging Mordechai.

"Haman," said the king. "What should be done for a man whom the king wants to honor?" לכבד

"Who would the King want to honor more than me?" Haman thought. So he said: "Bring him the king's clothes and the king's horse, give him a crown כתר to wear and lead him להובילו through Shushan."

"Hurry," said the king. "You must do exactly what you just said to Mordechai the Jew."

Chapter 7 – Haman's downfall נפילה

It was the second feast משתה that Queen Esther made for the king and Haman. "What is your wish?" asked the king, "you can have half the kingdom חצי המלכות if you want."

So Queen Esther told the king that she and all her people were going to be killed.

"Who dares מעז to do this?" cried זעק the king. "The evil רשע Haman." said Esther.

The king jumped up in anger בכעס and went out into the palace ארמון garden. Haman started to beg להתחנן Queen Esther for his life. When the king came back, Haman was kneeling כורע ברך on Esther's bed, which made the king even more angry. One of his servants משרתים said, "Haman has made gallows גרדום to hang Mordechai, who helped the king.

"Hang him on it!" the king said. So they hanged Haman on the gallows he had prepared הכין for Mordechai

Chapter 8 – The festival of Purim

Mordechai left the king wearing royal clothes בגדי מלכות and a big gold crown כתר.

The city of Shushan and Jews everywhere were

joyful שמחים and **happy**.



Queen Esther and Mordechai wrote that the Jews should remember what happened, and make a festival for themselves and their children, with feasts משתאות and sending food to each other "משלוחי מנות".

The festival was called **Purim**.

The Scroll of Esther - Questions

Chapter 1- Vashti is banished

- The name of the country where the story took place was _____
- The name of the capital city was: _____
- Achashverosh ruled over _____ countries.
- Find the expression: ללמד אותה לקח _____

Chapter 2 – A new queen

- Count- how many times is the name HAMAN mentioned? _____ times.
- Find a proof that Esther was a Jew. _____
- Find the expression: ספר דברי הימים _____

Chapter 3 – Haman – the king's advisor

- Count- how many times is the name HAMAN mentioned? _____
- What is the date mentioned in chapter 3? Month: _____ Day: _____

Chapter 4 – The Fast

- Count- how many times is the name HAMAN mentioned? _____.
- The fast lasted for _____ days.

Chapter 5 – The fateful feast

- Count- how many times is the name HAMAN mentioned? _____ times.
- Find the expression: מה-שאלתך וינתן לך; ומה-בקשתך עד-חצי המלכות, ותעש _____

Chapter 6 – The king honors Mordechai

- Count- how many times is the name HAMAN mentioned? 3 times.
- Find the expression: סֵפֶר הַזְכָּרֹנוֹת דְּבָרֵי הַיָּמִים **__book of chronicles**
- Find the expression: מֶה-לַעֲשׂוֹת בְּאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר הַמֶּלֶךְ חָפֵץ בִּיקָרוֹ
 ____ "what should be done for a man **whom** the king wants to honor?" ____

Chapter 7 – Haman's downfall

- Count- how many times is the name HAMAN mentioned? 7 times.
- Why was the king angry at HAMAN? _____

Chapter 8 – The festival of Purim

- Count- how many times is the name HAMAN mentioned? ____ times.
- Find the expression: וּמֶרְדֵּכִי יָצָא מִלִּפְנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ, בִּלְבוּשׁ מַלְכוּתִי וְעֹטְרַת זָהָב

- Find the expression: וְהָעִיר שׁוֹשֶׁן, צָהֳלָה וְשִׂמְחָה

- Find the expression: מִשְׁלֹחֵי מִנּוֹת אִישׁ לִרְעֵהוּ _____
- What is the name of the feasts and the festivals? _____

[1] *This was a book in which the king wrote any special happenings that he wanted to remember. The king records (רשם) the fact that Mordechai had saved his life in his Book of Chronicles, but of course forgets to reward (לגמול) him for now.*

Purim songs for Elementary and JH קישור לשירים לחטיבה

Songs for elementary שירים ליסודי

<p><u>A little, little clown</u> ליצן קטן נחמד /</p> <p>A little, little clown } Is jumping up and down! } x2</p> <p>Purim! Purim! Purim, Purim Today! Purim! Purim! Purim, Purim Today!</p> <p>On every Purim day } I dance I sing and Play! } x2</p> <p>Purim! Purim! Purim, Purim Today! Purim! Purim! Purim, Purim Today!</p>	<p><u>Purim Day/</u></p> <p><u>"לפי הלחן של: "חג פורים חג פורים חג גדול לילדים"</u></p> <p>Purim day, Purim day What a happy holiday. Wear a mask**, Wear a crown*** Dancing all around. Round go the groggers*, rash, rash, rash! } x3 On Purim day! } x2</p> <p>* רעשן ** מסכה *** כתר</p>
	<p><u>Purim Song /</u></p> <p><u>("לפי הלחן של: "מי שטוב לו ושמח כף ימחא")</u></p> <p>If you hear the name of Haman Stomp your feet! (לרקוע פעמיים ברגליים) } x2 If you hear the name of Haman } x3 Stomp your feet! (לרקוע פעמיים ברגליים) If you hear the name of Esther Clap your hands! (למחוא כפיים פעמיים בידיים) } x2 If you hear the name of Esther } x3 Clap your hands! (למחוא כפיים פעמיים בידיים)</p>

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