

# SPECIAL READING: Purim, *Esther reading*

*Esther* TaNaKh reading for Purim: פורים (שמות, Ex) Book of Esther

פסוק א (verse) -- פרק א (chapter) -- פורים (Special Torah reading)

Hear *Esther* read in Hebrew: <https://www.RestoringTorah.org>

- Classroom Hebrew reading of *Esther 1:1* by Les'a (go to link and scroll to appropriate reading):

## Esther 1:1

**NIV** <sup>1</sup>This is what happened during the time of Xerxes, the Xerxes who ruled over 127 provinces stretching from India to Cush:

**NLT** <sup>1</sup>These events happened in the days of King Xerxes, who reigned over 127 provinces stretching from India to Ethiopia. (New Living Translation)

**ESV** <sup>1</sup> Now in the days of Ahasuerus, the Ahasuerus who reigned from India to Ethiopia over 127 provinces, (English Standard Version)

YOUR TRANSLATION: \_\_\_\_\_

**Westminster Leningrad Codex:** (note: the Hebrew Bible reference is: Esther 1:1 א ,א, שמות)

א וַיְהִי בַיָּמִי אֲחַשְׁוֵרֹשׁ הוּא אֲחַשְׁוֵרֹשׁ הַמֶּלֶךְ מֵהַדָּוָר וְעַד-כּוּשׁ וְעַשְׂרִים

וּמֵאֵה מְדִינָה:

## Esther 1:2

**NIV** <sup>2</sup> At that time King Xerxes reigned from his royal throne in the citadel of Susa,

**NLT** <sup>2</sup> At that time Xerxes ruled his empire from his royal throne at the fortress of Susa. (New Living Translation)

**ESV** <sup>2</sup> in those days when King Ahasuerus sat on his royal throne in Susa, the citadel, (English Standard Version)

**YOUR TRANSLATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Westminster Leningrad Codex:** (note: the Hebrew Bible reference is: Esther 1:2 ב ,א' ,שמות)

**ב** וַיֹּאמֶר מֶלֶךְ אֱלֹהֵי־יְהוּדָה בְּחַר־לָנוּ אֲנָשִׁים וְצֵא הַלְחָם בְּעַמְלֶק מִחֵר אֲנָכִי

וְצֵב עַל־רֹאשׁ הַגְּבֻעָה וּמִטָּה הָאֱלֹהִים בְּיָדֵי:

## Esther 1:3

**NIV** <sup>3</sup> and in the third year of his reign he gave a banquet for all his nobles and officials. The military leaders of Persia and Media, the princes, and the nobles of the provinces were present.

**NLT** <sup>3</sup> In the third year of his reign, he gave a banquet for all his nobles and officials. He invited all the military officers of Persia and Media as well as the princes and nobles of the provinces. (New Living Translation)

**NASB** <sup>3</sup> in the third year of his reign he gave a banquet for all his princes and attendants, the army officers of Persia and Media, the nobles and the princes of his provinces being in his presence. (New American Standard Bible)

**YOUR TRANSLATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Westminster Leningrad Codex:** (note: the Hebrew Bible reference is: Esther 1:3 ג ,א' ,שְׁמוֹת)

ג בַּיַּעַשׂ יְהוֹנָתָן כְּאִשֶּׁר אָמַר-לוֹ מְלִיצָה לְהַלְתָּם בְּעִמְלֶק וּמְלִיצָה אֶהְרֹן וְחֹזֵר עָלָיו

רֵאשׁ הַגְּבֻעָה

## Esther 1:4

**NIV** <sup>4</sup>For a full 180 days he displayed the vast wealth of his kingdom and the splendor and glory of his majesty.

**NLT** <sup>4</sup>The celebration lasted 180 days—a tremendous display of the opulent wealth of his empire and the pomp and splendor of his majesty. (New Living Translation)

**NASB** <sup>4</sup>And he displayed the riches of his royal glory and the splendor of his great majesty for many days, 180 days. (New American Standard Bible)

**YOUR TRANSLATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Westminster Leningrad Codex:** (note: the Hebrew Bible reference is: Esther 1:4 א', 7)

7 וְתִכְלֶת וְאַרְגָּמֹן וְתוֹלַעַת שָׁנִי וְנִשְׁשׁ וְעֵזִים:

## Esther 1:5

- NIV** <sup>5</sup> When these days were over, the king gave a banquet, lasting seven days, in the enclosed garden of the king's palace, for all the people from the least to the greatest who were in the citadel of Susa.
- NLT** <sup>5</sup> When it was all over, the king gave a banquet for all the people, from the greatest to the least, who were in the fortress of Susa. It lasted for seven days and was held in the courtyard of the palace garden. (New Living Translation)
- NASB** <sup>5</sup> When these days were completed, the king gave a banquet lasting seven days for all the people who were present at the citadel in Susa, from the greatest to the least, in the court of the garden of the king's palace. (New American Standard Bible)

**YOUR TRANSLATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Westminster Leningrad Codex:** (note: the Hebrew Bible reference is: Esther 1:5 הַשְּׂמֹת, א', ה)

הַשְּׂמֹת אֵילָם מְאֲדָמִים וְעֵרַת הַחֲשִׁים וְעֵצֵי שִׁטִּים:

## Esther 1:6

**NIV** <sup>6</sup> The garden had hangings of white and blue linen, fastened with cords of white linen and purple material to silver rings on marble pillars. There were couches of gold and silver on a mosaic pavement of porphyry, marble, mother-of-pearl and other costly stones.

**NLT** <sup>6</sup> The courtyard was beautifully decorated with white cotton curtains and blue hangings, which were fastened with white linen cords and purple ribbons to silver rings embedded in marble pillars. Gold and silver couches stood on a mosaic pavement of porphyry, marble, mother-of-pearl, and other costly stones. (New Living Translation)

**NASB** <sup>6</sup> There were hangings of fine white and violet linen held by cords of fine purple linen on silver rings and marble columns, and couches of gold and silver on a mosaic pavement of porphyry, marble, mother-of-pearl and precious stones. (New American Standard Bible)

**YOUR TRANSLATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Westminster Leningrad Codex:** (note: the Hebrew Bible reference is: Esther 1:6 ו' א, 1) (שְׁמוֹת, א', 1)

ו' שְׁמוֹת לְמַאָר בְּשָׂמִים לְשֵׁמוֹת הַמְּשֻׁחָה וְלִקְטָרֶת הַסַּמִּים: