

Megillas Esther Trivia

HOW MANY:

1. How many provinces did Achashveirosh rule over?
2. How many silver talents (כֶּבֶד כֶּסֶף) did Haman say he would give Achashveirosh if he would wipe out the Jewish people?
3. How many *amos* high was the gallows that Haman made to hang Mordechai?
4. How many men did the Jews kill in Shushan on 13 Adar?
5. How many men did the Jews kill in Shushan on 14 Adar?
6. How many men did the Jews in the rest of the cities kill?

WHO:

1. Who was Heigeih?
2. Who was Mordechai's grandfather?
3. Who were כְּרִשְׁנָא שְׂתֵר אֲדַמְתָּא תְרִישִׁישׁ מָרְס מְרִסְנָא מְמוּיָן ?
4. What was Hamans wife's name?
5. Who was Shaashgaz?
6. Who was the messenger who passed messages between Esther and Mordechai?
7. What was Esther's other name?

WHICH OF THESE DOES NOT BELONG?

1. אֲרִידָתָא פְּרַמְשֵׁתָא אַרִיסִי אַרִידי וְזוּתָא פְּרִשְׁנָדָתָא דְלִפּוֹן אַקְפָּתָא פּוּרְתָא אֲדִלְיָא אֲדַמְתָּא
2. להרג להשמיד לאבד להשחית

WHO SAID:

1. לֹא עַל הַמֶּלֶךְ לְבַדּוֹ עֲוֹתָהּ וְשֵׁתִי הַמַּלְכָּה כִּי עַל כָּל הָרִים וְעַל כָּל הָעַמִּים אֲשֶׁר בְּכָל מְדִינוֹת הַמֶּלֶךְ אֲחַשְׁוֵרוֹשׁ
2. מִי בְּחָצֵר ?

WHY

1. Why does the Megillah tell us כִּי אֵין לְבוֹא אֶל שַׁעַר הַמֶּלֶךְ בְּלְבוּשׁ שֵׁק ?
2. What was the cause of וַחֲמַת הַמֶּלֶךְ שֶׁכָּבָה ?
3. About what event is it said: וְנִהְפֹזֵךְ הוּא ?

WHEN:

1. In what year of Achashveirosh's reign did he make a party?
2. On what day of Achashveirosh's party did he order for Vashti to come? (i.e. the 1st day, 2nd day, etc.)
3. In what month did Haman cast lots?
4. On what date (month / day) were the king's scribes summoned to write Haman's decree to destroy the Jews?
5. In what month was Esther taken to Achashveirosh for the first time?
6. On what date (month / day) did Achashveirosh's scribes write that Jews can assemble and protect themselves on 13 Adar?

HOW LONG:

1. How long was Achashveirosh's party for the people of Shushan?
2. How long was each woman prepared with makeup etc. before appearing before Achashveirosh?
3. How long was Achashveirosh's party for all of Paras and Madai?
4. Esther told Mordechai that she was afraid to come to Achashveirosh uninvited, because she had not been summoned to the king for the past (how long) ?
5. For how long did Esther tell Mordechai to tell the Jews of Shushan to fast?

ABOUT WHOM IS IT SAID:

1. וַיִּזְעַק וַעֲקָה גְדוּלָהּ וּמָרָה
2. חֲפוּי רֹאשׁ
3. כִּי נִפּוּל תִּפּוּל לִפְנֵי לֹא תוּכַל לוֹ
4. וְכָל זֶה אֵינְנוּ שׁוֹנֵה לִי
5. מִי הוּא זֶה וְאֵי זֶה הוּא
6. תִּלְהוּ עָלַי

ANSWERS

HOW MANY:

1. How many provinces did Achashveirosh rule over? **127**
2. How many silver talents (כֶּסֶף כֶּבֶר) did Haman say he would give Achashveirosh if he would wipe out the Jewish people? **10,000**
3. How many *amos* high was the gallows that Haman made to hang Mordechai? **50 Amos**
4. How many men did the Jews kill in Shushan on 13 Adar? **500 PLUS 10 sons of Haman... so 510**
5. How many men did the Jews kill in Shushan on 14 Adar? **300**
6. How many men did the Jews in the rest of the cities kill? **75,000**

WHO:

1. Who was Heigeih? **He was in charge of watching over the women in the beauty contest... *shomeir hanashim***
2. Who was Mordechai's grandfather? **Shimi (Mordechai < Yair < Shimi < Kish)**
3. Who were מְרוֹסְנָא מְרִישֵׁי אֲדֻמְתָּא שְׂתֵר כְּרִשְׁנָא ? **Achashveirosh's closest wise men whom he asked what to do with Vashti**
4. What was Hamans wife's name? **Zeresh**
5. Who was Shaashgaz? **The "*sris haemlech, shomer hapilagshim*" Women went to him after being with Achashveirosh.**
6. Who was the messenger who passed messages between Esther and Mordechai? **Hasach / Daniel**
7. What was Esther's other name? **Hadassah**

WHICH OF THESE DOES NOT BELONG?

1. וַיִּזְחַק אַרְיֵי אַרְיֵי פְרַמְשָׁתָא אַרְיֵי אַרְיֵי אֲדֻמְתָּא אֲדֻלְיָא פּוֹרְתָא אֲסַפְתָּא דְלִפְנֵי פְרִשְׁנָדָּתָא
2. להרג להשחית לאבד להשמיד

WHO SAID:

1. לא על המלך לבדו עוֹתָהּ וְשֵׁתֵי הַמֶּלֶכָה כִּי עַל כָּל הָרִים וְעַל כָּל הָעַמִּים אֲשֶׁר בְּכָל מְדִינֹת הַמֶּלֶךְ אַחְשֵׁרוּשׁ **Memuchan**
2. מי בְּחָצֵר? **Achashveirosh said. It was Haman in the courtyard**

WHY

1. Why does the Megillah tell us שֶׁקַּי אֵל לְבוֹא אֶל שַׁעַר הַמֶּלֶךְ בְּלִבּוֹשׁ שָׂקַי = **Reason why Mordechai couldn't come in to the palace to speak to Esther, rather he could only go up to the gates**

2. What was the cause of **וַחֲמַת הַמֶּלֶךְ שֶׁכָּבְדָה**? **They hung Haman.**
3. About what event is it said: **וַיִּנְהָפוּדָה הוּא**? **That the Jews ruled over their enemies on the 13th of Adar, the day the enemies were planning to rule over them**

WHEN:

1. In what year of Achashveirosh's reign did he make a party? **Year 3**
2. On what day of Achashveirosh's party did he order for Vashti to come? (i.e. the 1st day, 2nd day, etc.) **7th day**
3. In what month did Haman cast lots? **Nissan**
4. On what date (month / day) were the king's scribes summoned to write Haman's decree to destroy the Jews? **13 Nissan**
5. In what month was Esther taken to Achashveirosh for the first time? **Teves**
6. On what date (month / day) did the Achashveirosh's scribes write that Jews can assemble and protect themselves on 13 Adar? **23 Sivan**

HOW LONG:

1. How long was Achashveirosh's party for the people of Shushan? **7 days**
2. How long was each woman prepared with makeup etc. before appearing before Achashveirosh? **12 months**
3. How long was Achashveirosh's party for all of Paras and Madai? **180 days**
4. Esther told Mordechai that she was afraid to come to Achashveirosh uninvited, because she had not been summoned to the king for the past (how long)? **30 days**
5. For how long did Esther tell Mordechai to tell the Jews of Shushan to fast? **3 days**

ABOUT WHOM IS IT SAID:

1. **וַיִּזְעַק וְעָקָה גְדוּלָה וּמָרָה** - **Mordechai**
2. **חֲפוּי רֹאשׁ** - **Haman, when he returned home after honoring Mordechai**
3. **כִּי נָפֹל תִּפּוֹל לְפָנָיו לֹא תוּכַל לוֹ** - **Haman will fall before Mordechai**
4. **וְכָל זֶה אֵינְנוּ שׂוֹה לִי** - **Haman said I have so much riches and many sons and Achashveirosh promoted me and Esther invited me to the party with Achashveirosh but still mad that he sees Mordechai sitting in the kings gate**
5. **מִי הוּא זֶה וְאִי זֶה הוּא** - **Haman**
6. **תִּלְהֹו עָלָיו** - **Achasveirosh said to Charvonah about Haman**