

# Esther 1

Interlinear Bible — King James Version

Hebrew text with English translation and Strong's numbers

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**1** Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, (this is Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, over an hundred and seven and twenty provinces:)

וַיְהִי י'	בַּיָּמִי י'	אֲחַשְׁוֶר וְשֵׁה	וְהָ וְאֵ	אֲחַשְׁוֶר וְשֵׁה
H1961	H3117	H325	H1931	H325
Now it came to pass in the days	this is Ahasuerus	this is Ahasuerus		
וְהָ מֶלֶךְ	מִיַּד הַיָּם	כֹּ וְשֵׁ	שֶׁ בַּעַ	וְעַשְׂרֵי יָמִים
H4427	H1912	H3568	H7651	H6242
which reigned	from India	even unto Ethiopia	and seven	and twenty
וּמֵאָה הַ	מְדִינָה:			
H3967	H4082			
over an hundred	provinces			

**2** That in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the palace,

עַל לְ	אֲחַשְׁוֶר וְשֵׁה	הַמֶּלֶךְ לָךְ	כָּשׁ בָּתַן הָהֵם	בַּיָּמִי יָם
	H5921	H4428	H3427	H3117
	Ahasuerus	when the king	sat	That in those days
הַבֵּיכָה:	בְּשׁוּשַׁן	אֲשֶׁר	מַלְכוּתוֹ	כִּסֵּא
H1002	H7800	H834	H4438	H3678
the palace	which was in Shushan		of his kingdom	on the throne

**3** In the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him:

וְשָׂרֵי יָ לְכָל מִשְׁתֵּה הָ עָשָׂה לְמַלְכוֹ וּ שְׁלוֹשׁ בְּשָׁנָה ת  
year H8141 In the third H7969 of his reign H4427 he made H6213 a feast H4960 H3605 and princes H8269

וְשָׂרֵי יָ הַפְּרָתִים וְיַמֵּי וּמִדְּיָה וְכֹס וְהַיִּלָּה וְעַבְדֵי יָ  
and his servants H5650 the power H2428 of Persia H6539 and Media H4074 the nobles H6579 and princes H8269

לִפְנֵיוֹ: הַמְּדִינֹת וְ  
of the provinces H4082 being before H6440

**4** When he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty many days, even an hundred and fourscore days.

וְאֵת מַלְכוּתוֹ וְכְבוֹדוֹ עַל שָׂרֵי אֶת בְּהִרְאֹתוֹ  
When he shewed H7200 H853 the riches H6239 of his glorious H3519 kingdom H4438 H853

שְׁמוֹנֶה עָשָׂר יָמִים: גְּדוּלַתוֹ וְתִפְאֶרֶתוֹ יָקָר וְהַכָּבוֹד  
and the honour H3366 of his excellent H8597 majesty H1420 days H3117 many H7227 and fourscore H8084

יָמִים: וְעַד  
even an hundred H3967 days H3117

**5** And when these days were expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both unto great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace;

לְכָל הַמֶּלֶךְ: עָשָׂה הָאֵל לֵה יָמֵי וּבָמָל וְאֶת־  
 were expired And when these days made of the king's H3605  
 H4390 H3117 H428 H6213 H4428  
 וְעַד לְמִגְדֹּל הַבֵּיכָה בְּשׁוּשַׁן | הַנִּמְצָאִים הָעַם  
 unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace both unto great H5704  
 H5971 H4672 H7800 H1002 H1419  
 גִּן תַּבְחֶצֶר יָמֵי שִׁבְעַת מִשְׁתֵּה קָטָן |  
 and small a feast seven And when these days in the court of the garden  
 H6996 H4960 H7651 H3117 H2691 H1594  
 הַמֶּלֶךְ: בֵּית |  
 palace of the king's  
 H1055 H4428

**6** Where were white, green, and blue, hangings, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the beds were of gold and silver, upon a pavement of red, and blue, and white, and black, marble.

בַּיֵּץ בְּחִבְלֵי אַחוּז וְתֵכָה לַת כֶּרֶם סָח וְרָח  
 Where were white green and blue hangings fastened with cords of fine linen  
 H2353 H3768 H8504 H270 H2256 H948  
 מִטּוֹת וְשֵׁשׁ וְעַמּוּדֵי כֶסֶף גְּלִילֵי עַל וְאַרְגָּמָן |  
 and purple H5921 rings and silver and pillars marble the beds  
 H713 H1550 H3701 H5982 H8336 H4296  
 יָדָר וְשֵׁשׁ בְּהַט רֹצֵפֶת עַל כֶּסֶף זָהָב  
 were of gold and silver H5921 upon a pavement of red marble and white  
 H2091 H3701 H7531 H923 H8336 H1858  
 וְסֻחָרֹת:  
 and black  
 H5508

7 And they gave them drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and royal wine in abundance, according to the state of the king.

מִכֵּל יָם מִכֵּל יָם זָהָב מִכֵּל יָם וְהִשְׁקוּת  
 And they gave them drink the vessels of gold the vessels the vessels  
 H8248 H3627 H2091 H3627 H3627  
 כִּי ד כִּי ב מֶלֶךְ וְיַיִן שׁוֹנֵי יָם  
 being diverse wine from another and royal in abundance according to the state  
 H8138 H3196 H4438 H7227 H3027  
 הַמֶּלֶךְ:  
 of the king  
 H4428

8 And the drinking was according to the law; none did compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure.

כִּי וְכִי אֵין אֵין וְהִשְׁתִּי הַ  
 And the drinking was according to the law none did compel none did compel  
 H8360 H1881 H369 H597 H3588 H3651  
 בֵּית וְכִי ב כָּל עַל הַמֶּלֶךְ יֵסֵד  
 had appointed for so the king H5921 H3605 to all the officers of his house  
 H3245 H4428 H7227 H1004  
 וְאִישׁ: וְאִישׁ: כְּרַצּוֹן לַעֲשׂוֹת  
 that they should do pleasure according to every man's according to every man's  
 H6213 H7522 H376 H376

9 Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which belonged to king Ahasuerus.

בֵּית נָשִׁים מַשֶּׁתֶּה עָשְׂתָה הַמַּלְכָּה וַאֲשֶׁת יָגֵן  
 Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women house  
 H1571 H2060 H4436 H6213 H4960 H802 H1004  
 אַחַשְׁוֵרוֹשׁ: לָמָּה לְהַמְלֵךְ אֲשֶׁר הַמַּלְכָּה וְ  
 in the royal H834 which belonged to king Ahasuerus  
 H4438 H4428 H325

**10** On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king,

בַּיּוֹם הַמֶּלֶךְ לֵב כָּט וּב הַשְּׂבִיעִי י הַיּוֹם  
day H3117 On the seventh H7637 was merry H2896 when the heart H3820 of the king H4428 with wine H3196  
 וְאַבְגָּתָא בְּגָתָא א חֲרָבוֹנָא א בִּזְתָּא א ל מְהוּמָן אָמַר  
he commanded H559 Mehuman H4104 Biztha H968 Harbona H2726 Bigtha H903 and Abagtha H5  
 אֶת הַמֶּשֶׁרֶת יִם הֵס רִיס יִם שְׁבַעַת וְכַרְכָּס זֶתָר  
Zethar H2242 and Carcas H3752 the seven H7651 chamberlains H5631 that served H8334 H854  
 אֲחַשְׁוֵרוּשׁ: הַמֶּלֶךְ לֵב י פְּנֵי  
in the presence H6440 of the king H4428 of Ahasuerus H325

**11** To bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she was fair to look on.

בְּכָתוּר הַמֶּלֶךְ לֵב י לְפָנַי הַמַּלְכָּה וַשְׁתִּי י אֶת לְהַבִּיא  
To bring H935 H853 Vashti H2060 the queen H4436 before H6440 the king H4428 with the crown H3804  
 כִּי יָפִי הָאֵת וְהַשָּׂרִים הָעָמָּה יִם לְהִרְאֹת מַלְכָּה וְת  
royal H4438 to shew H7200 the people H5971 and the princes H8269 H853 her beauty H3308 H3588  
 הָיָא: מִרְאָה טוֹבָה  
for she was fair H2896 to look on H4758 H1931

**12** But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by his chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him.

הַמֶּלֶךְ לָךְ בְּדָבָר לְבוֹא וַשְׁתִּי הַמֶּלֶכָּה וַתִּמָּא |  
 refused But the queen Vashti to come commandment at the king's  
 H3985 H4436 H2060 H935 H1697 H4428

מֵאֵד הַמֶּלֶךְ לָךְ וַיִּקְצַץ הַסָּרִיסִים בְּיַד אֶשֶׁר  
 H834 by his chamberlains wroth at the king's very  
 H3027 H5631 H7107 H4428 H3966

בּוֹ: בָּעֵרָה וַחֲמַתּוֹ  
 and his anger burned  
 H2534 H1197 H0

**13** Then the king said to the wise men, which knew the times, (for so was the king's manner toward all that knew law and judgment:

כִּי הָעֵתִים יָדָעוּ לְחֻכְמָם יֵשׁוּעַ הַמֶּלֶךְ וַיֹּאמֶר  
 said for so was the king's to the wise men all that knew the times  
 H559 H4428 H2450 H3045 H6256 H3588

דָּת יָדָעוּ כָּל לִפְנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ דָּבָר כֵּן  
 H3651 manner for so was the king's toward H3605 all that knew law  
 H1697 H4428 H6440 H3045 H1881

וַדִּין:  
 and judgment  
 H1779

**14** And the next unto him was Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, which saw the king's face, and which sat the first in the kingdom;)

אֲדָמָה תָא שֶׁתָּר      כְּרִשְׁנָא א      אֶל יו      וְהֶקֶר ב  
 Admatha      Shethar      unto him was Carshena      And the next  
 H133      H8369      H3771      H7138  
 שֶׁר יו      שְׁבַע ת      מְמוּכָן |      מַרְסֵנָא א      מֶרֶס      תַּרְשִׁישׁ יֵשׁ  
 the seven      princes      and Memucan      Marsena      Meres      Tarshish  
 H7651      H8269      H4462      H4826      H4825      H8659  
 רָאשֻׁן ה      הַיֹּשֵׁב ים      הֵם לֶךְ      פָּנֵי י      רָאִי      וּמִדֵּי י      פָּר ס  
 and which sat      the king's      face      which saw      and Media      of Persia      the first  
 H3427      H4428      H6440      H7200      H4074      H6539      H7223  
 בַּמַּלְכוּת:  
 in the kingdom  
 H4438

**15** What shall we do unto the queen Vashti according to law, because she hath not performed the commandment of the king Ahasuerus by the chamberlains?

אֲשֶׁר עַל וְשֵׁתִי י      בַּמַּלְכָּה      עֲשֵׂתָה      מָה      כִּדָּת  
 Vashti      unto the queen      What shall we do      according to law      H834  
 H2060      H4436      H6213      H4100      H1881  
 אֲחַשְׁוֹר וְשׁ      הֵם לֶךְ      מֵאֲמָר      אֶת      עֲשֵׂתָה      ה      לָא  
 Ahasuerus      of the king      the commandment      What shall we do      H3808  
 H325      H4428      H3982      H6213      H853  
 הַסְּרִיסִים:      בְּיָד  
 the chamberlains      by  
 H5631      H3027

**16** And Memucan answered before the king and the princes, Vashti the queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the people that are in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus.

עַל ל א הַשָּׂרִים הֵם לֶךְ לִפְנֵי מֹמְכָן וַיֹּאמֶר  
 answered And Memucan before of the king and the princes H3808 H5921  
 H559 H4462 H6440 H4428 H8269

עַל כִּי הַמֶּלֶכָּה וַשְׁתִּי עָוְתָה הַלֵּבֵד וְהֵם לֶךְ  
 of the king H905 hath not done wrong Vashti the queen H3588 H5921  
 H4428 H5753 H2060 H4436

בְּכָל אֶשֶׁר הָעַמִּים כָּל וְעַל הַשָּׂרִים כָּל  
 H3605 and the princes H5921 H3605 and to all the people H834 H3605  
 H8269 H5971

אֲחַשְׁוֵרוֹשׁ: הֵם לֶךְ מְדִינֹת  
 that are in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus H4082 H4428 H325

**17** For this deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not.

הַנָּשִׁים יָם כָּל עַל הַמֶּלֶכָּה דָּבָר יֵצֵא כִּי  
 H3588 shall come abroad For this deed of the queen H5921 H3605 unto all women H802  
 H3318 H1697 H4436

הֵם לֶךְ אָמַר בְּעֵינֶיהָ בְּעֵלֶיהָ לְהַבִּז וְ  
 so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes commanded The king H959 H1167 H5869 H559 H4428

הַמֶּלֶכָּה וַשְׁתִּי אֶת בָּאָה: אָמַר אֲחַשְׁוֵרוֹשׁ  
 Ahasuerus commanded him but she came H853 Vashti of the queen H325 H559 H935 H2060 H4436

בָּאָה: וְלֹא לִפְנֵי יו  
 before H3808 him but she came H6440 H935



**18** Likewise shall the ladies of Persia and Media say this day unto all the king's princes, which have heard of the deed of the queen. Thus shall there arise too much contempt and wrath.

וַיֹּמַד י פָּרְס וּמֵדִיָּה  
this day H3117 H2088 say H559 Likewise shall the ladies H8282 of Persia H6539 and Media H4074  
 אֲשֶׁר רָאָה וּשְׁמָעוּ אֶת דְּבַר הַמֶּלֶכֶת הַזֶּה  
H834 which have heard H8085 H853 of the deed H1697 of the queen H4436 H3605 princes H8269  
 וְקִצְפָּהּ וְכִדּוֹתָהּ  
unto all the king's H4428 Thus shall there arise too much H1767 contempt H963 and wrath H7110

**19** If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she.

וּמִלְכוּתָהּ דְּבַר יֵצֵא טוֹב הֵמָּה לָךְ עַל אִם  
H518 H5921 and let the king H4428 If it please H2895 let there go H3318 commandment H1697 a royal H4438  
 וְלֹא יֹמַד י פָּרְס וּמֵדִיָּה וְיִכְתֹּב בְּלִפְנֵי  
from him H6440 and let it be written H3789 among the laws H1881 of the Persians H6539 and the Medes H4074 H3808  
 הֵמָּה לָךְ לִפְנֵי וְשֵׁת י תָּבֹא לֹא אֲשֶׁר רָאָה וְיִעָבֹר  
that it be not altered H5674 H834 H3808 come H935 That Vashti H2060 from him H6440 and let the king H4428  
 לְרֵעוּתָהּ הַמֶּלֶךְ יִתֵּן וּמִלְכוּתָהּ אַחֲשֵׁר וְשֵׁ  
Ahasuerus H325 a royal H4438 give H5414 and let the king H4428 unto another H7468  
 מִמֶּנָּה: הַטּוֹבָה  
that is better H2896 H4480

**20** And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great,) all the wives shall give to their husbands honour, both to great and small.

בְּכָל	יַעֲשֶׂה	אֲשֶׁר	הַמֶּלֶךְ	פְּתַגְם	וְנִשְׁמַע
shall be published	decree	And when the king's	which he shall make		
H8085	H6599	H4428	H834	H6213	H3605

  

יִתְּנוּ	הַנָּשִׁים	וְכָל	הָיָא	רַבָּה	כִּי	מַלְכוּת
throughout all his empire	for it is great	all the wives	shall give			
H4438	H3588	H7227	H1931	H3605	H802	H5414

  

קָטָן:	וְעַד	לְמַגֵּד	וְלִ	לְבַעְלֶיהָ	וְיָקָר
honour	both to great	and small			
H3366	H1167	H1419	H5704	H6996	

**21** And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Memucan:

וַיַּעַשׂ	וְהַשָּׂרִים	וְהַמֶּלֶךְ	בְּעֵינָיו	כְּדַבַּר	וַיִּטֵּב
pleased	And the saying	and the king	and the princes	did	
H3190	H1697	H5869	H4428	H8269	H6213

  

מְמוּצָן:	כְּדַבַּר	וְהַמֶּלֶךְ
and the king	And the saying	of Memucan
H4428	H1697	H4462

**22** For he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and that it should be published according to the language of every people.

וְשַׁלַּח	אֶל	כָּל	וּמְדִינָה	הֵם לְ	אֶל
For he sent	letters		into every province	into all the king's	
H7971	H5612	H413	H3605	H4428	H413
וּמְדִינָה	וּמְדִינָה	כְּכֹתֵב הִיא	וְאֶל	עַמּוֹ:	
into every province	into every province	according to the writing		of every people	
H4082	H4082	H3791	H413	H5971	
עַמּוֹ:	כָּל־שׁוֹן	כָּל לְהִי וְ	אִישׁ	שֶׁיִּר	
of every people	according to the language		that every man	should bear rule	
H5971	H3956	H1961	H3605	H376	H8323
בְּבֵית וְ	וּמְדַבֵּר	כָּל־שׁוֹן	עַמּוֹ:		
in his own house	and that it should be published	according to the language	of every people		
H1004	H1696	H3956	H5971		

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