



PURIM

Putting things in **PERSPECTIVE**

Although the major events of Purim mentioned in *Megillas Esther* took place over the course of a ten year period, the bulk of those events – including most of the dramatic twists and turns contained in the megilla – transpired over the course of just a handful of days

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3338 – The first Beis HaMikdash (Temple) was destroyed (on the 9th and 10th of Av).

3395 – In the third year of his reign, Achashverosh made a banquet, which was attended by the Jews over the objections of Mordechai, the leader of the Jewish people. Queen Vashti refused to appear when summoned by Achashverosh and was killed for disobeying him.

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The Hebrew months of the year: 1. Nisan 2. Iyar 3. Sivan 4. Tammuz 5. Av 6. Elul 7. Tishrei 8. Cheshvan 9. Kislev 10. Tevet 11. Shevat 12. Adar