

Worksheet: פרק א – Introduction to the Persian empire

What does פרק א contribute to the book? Think: how would the story have been different if the first פרק were omitted, and the story began with a notice that the king needed a queen?

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דת “law” in the Empire

Find the three references to דת “law” in this פרק. For each one, note whose law it is, and what exactly the law said. What kinds of laws are presented in this פרק?

#	פסוקים	Content of the law	Purpose of the law
1			
2			
3			

What does this פרק tell us about Jews in the empire? \_\_\_\_\_

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