

מסכת מגילה דריא

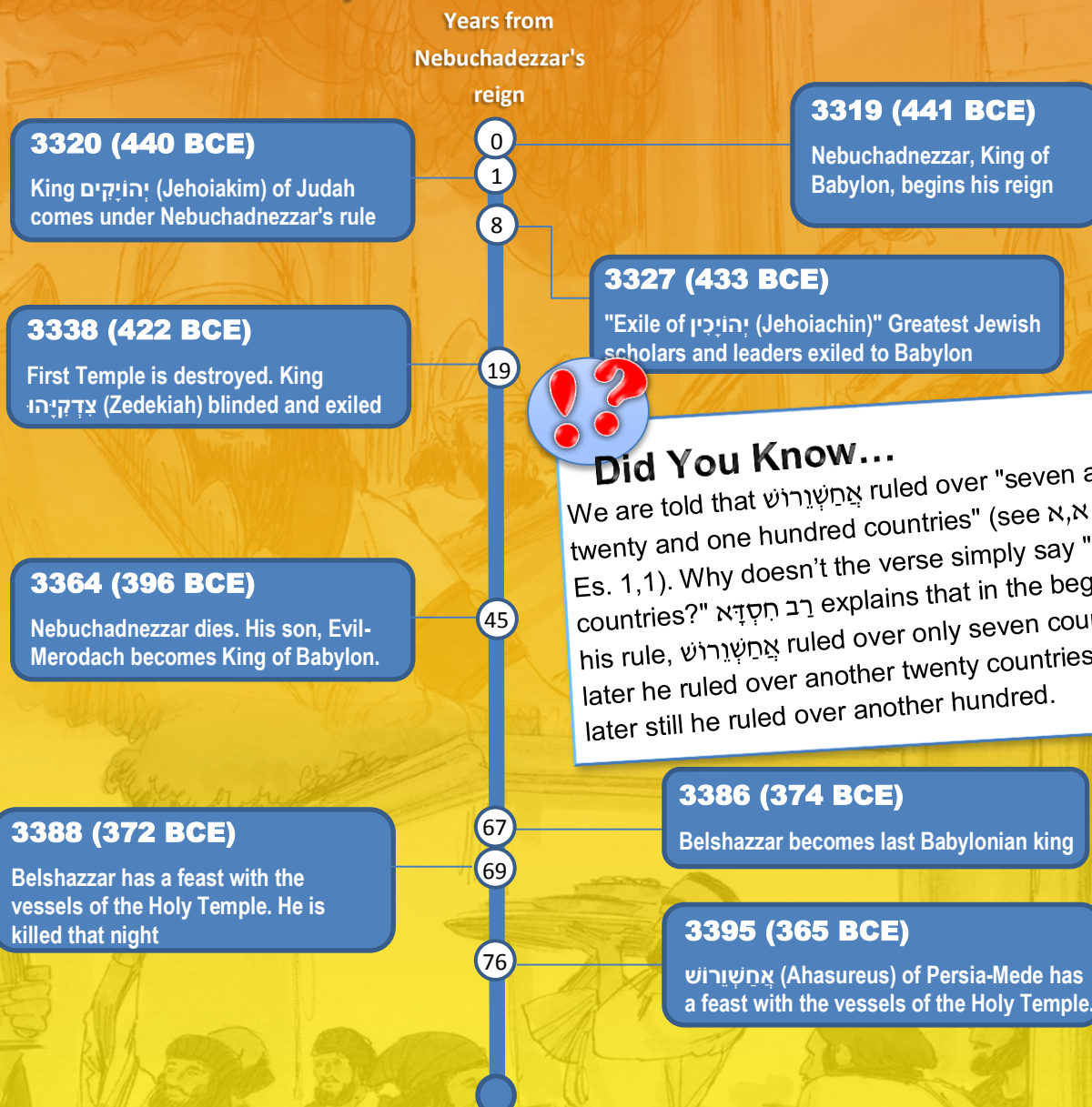
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Inside the Daf

The **מַגֵּרָא** traces the major events that happened to the Jewish people during the era of exile from the Land of Israel.

A timeline below shows these events beginning with the rise of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. In the middle of the timeline are the years from Nebuchadnezzar's rise to power.

From Babylon to Purim: A Timeline



Evil-אָחשורוש (Ahasuerus)

Where does the name of the Persian-Median king, אָחשורוש (Ahasuerus) come from?

רב `explains that the name comes from the two words, "אָחי" (brother of) and "ראש" (head). The reason for the name is because אָחשורוש was the brother of Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar who was called a "head of gold" (see דניאל ב, לח Dan. 2, 38).

He also had the same character as the "head" since both rulers had their eyes set on destroying the בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ (Holy Temple).



שמואל says the name אָחשורוש is a rearrangement of the words "אש" (fire) and "שחור" (black). This is because the faces of the Jews who lived in his time became as dark as a pot whose bottom has been blackened by fire!

רבי חנינא says the name comes from the fact that everyone became רשין (poor) in his days since he made a new tax.

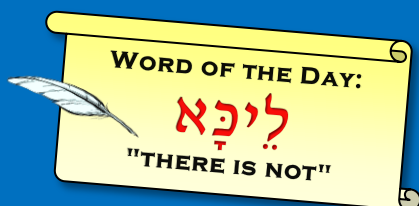
A מְדוּת – Moment

Hiram felt pretty high about himself. He had won a debate with his teacher, Rabbi Unterblatt.

Later that day, Hiram's friend, Jeremy told him of something Rabbi Unterblatt had said.

"Oh, what does Rabbi Unterblatt know anyway?" said Hiram. "I can win an argument with him any day!"

"We are told that, when he was young, King David would belittle himself in front of those greater than him in Torah knowledge. Even when he was king he belittled himself before those greater than him in wisdom. It didn't matter to King David that he was king; he was still humble enough to belittle himself before those who were greater," said Jeremy.



Games

Review Questions – מגילה דף י"א

1. How many years after Nebuchadnezzar's rise to power did אָחשורוש have his feast?

2. Give an explanation for the origin of the name, "אָחשורוש."

3. How many countries did אָחשורוש rule over in the beginning of his reign?



How many words from the דף can you spell with these letters? (you may use a letter more than once!)

אחשורוש