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## **Purim**

### **For Such A Time As This**

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Then Mordecai recorded these events, and he sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far.

*Esth 9:20-22 21 obliging them to celebrate the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same month, annually, 22 because on those days the Jews rid themselves of their enemies, and {it was a} month which was turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and rejoicing and sending portions {of food} to one another and gifts to the poor. (NAU)*

This day is called Puwr also Puvriym or Puriym-6332 Pur or Purim = "lot" or "piece"; A special feast day to celebrate Israel's deliverance from Haman through Queen Esther's intercession. The Observance of Purim is recorded in the Book of Esther. This story gives us the biblical facts about a Jewish Queen named Esther and Haman the evil Prime Minister of Persia who tried to destroy the Jewish people. Because of the great courage of Queen Esther, and the wisdom of Mordecai, the plot was foiled and the people delivered.

As you read the story of Esther consider the prophetic types of these characters.

- The King; God the Father who judges, but sends a decree of mercy to those under judgment.
- Queen Vashti; the rebellious bride.
- Esther; the faithful bride.
- Haman; the anti-Christ spirit.
- The Jews; Israel or the church.
- Hegai; teacher of the Torah or Bible.
- Mordecai; the Holy Spirit.
- Eunuch's; prophetic for purity.

This year it begins at sundown on Adar 13, March 9<sup>th</sup>. and ends at sundown Adar 14, March 10<sup>th</sup>. This story became the two-day holiday celebration in Jewish and Christian homes known as Purim. It is a joyous and light-hearted occasion. A scroll folded in the center like a letter is taken out and the entire story of Esther is read in the Synagogue or Church. It relates to the, "Blotting out of the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven".

*Deut 25:19 "Therefore it shall come about when the LORD your God has given you rest from all your surrounding enemies, in the land which the LORD your God gives you as an inheritance to possess, you shall blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven; you must not forget. (NAU)*

A unusual custom developed based upon this practice, known as the Megillah (a scroll shaped as a letter) is read and each time the name Haman is mentioned the listeners boo, hiss, stomp their feet, whistle, pound plastic air filled hammers or spin noisy makers called greggers. The whole idea is to make so much noise that the memory of Haman, an AMALEK, is blotted out from under heaven. It is about a great deliverance and the faithfulness of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob toward those who trust in Him.

God gave me a Prophetic Word while studying the Book of Esther. On January 27, 1998, and again this word was placed on my heart in December 1999 and again on March 16, 2006. I find this *same word* returning to me once again and piercing my soul with even *greater intensity* than any of the previous times. Please take some time during Purim, weather you think this festival is relevant or not. Consider that on February 28, 2009 I am being prompted by The Holy Spirit to encourage you to ask....., "what does this story and Prophetic Word mean to me!" These scriptures were also given at the same time as I received the following prophetic word, Song of Songs (Solomon) 2:10, through to the end of chapter-three.

***"I Have Been Pursuing My Bride For 2000 Years...; She Must Now Pursue Me..."***

The story of Esther reminds us of the turbulent times we live in, with the incessant lawless Haman challenging our city, state and federal laws. This lawless spirit is still trying to rewrite the definition of laws just like in the days of Queen Esther. There are constant attacks on the foundation of biblical marriage, sanctity of life and biblical morality. This luciferian spirit is tearing at the very fabric of Judeo Christian Values. Each new wave of attack wearing down the patience and strength of the church, until it appears the first love of many wax cold and *faithfulness* and *commitment* sound like dirty words to the weary ones. Daniel prophesies this about our generation.

*Dan 7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. (KJV)*

We must learn from Queen Esther (churches intercession) what pleases our King and how bridal intimacy touches His heart. From Mordecai we understand how to never bow to the anti-Christ spirit (Haman) through Mordecai (Holy Spirit), Esther 4:16. *My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king,*

*which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!" and 3:5 Mordecai (little man) did not bow or pay him homage.*

We must trust the gift of discernment and in faith see that this Haman spirit will not win against our families and it will not win out against the *prophetic first family* of the earth known as "Israel." The supernatural power of God will reverse the curses brought to mankind by the spirit of Haman. God has sent out His "salvation message" and it will *over take* the previous degrees of judgment.

These messengers with a *Superior Decree* will ride the faster horses of "Grace and Mercy" delivering this message of *full restoration* for those under the previous judgment of death. It is not by might nor by power that we ride these New Covenant Horses called Grace and Mercy, but by the revelation of His Spirit and with the power of His cleansing blood. The day will also come when Haman's rebellion is judged and He swings before us on his own gallows. Together we will say; "is this the one who caused all this trouble in the nations?"

It has always been the same plan, Haman plotted to kill the national family of the earth "Israel." All of mankind's morals and laws have been given through this national family called "Israel." Haman did his evil by manipulating the political powers that were in authority during Mordecai's and Esther's time. Today this "lawless spirit" is still finding partners in city, state, national and religious sphere's to release rebellion and political agendas that are intended to bring destruction to those who are living within the laws of God, just as it did during Queen Esther and Mordecai's time.

*Esth 3:5 When Haman saw that Mordecai (little man) **did not bow or pay him homage**, Haman was filled with wrath. (NKJ)*

Mordecai in the story of Esther is a prophetic representation of the Holy Spirit. This is why Haman hated him and why Mordecai would not bow to Haman's corruption and prideful behavior. This spirit has always trafficked and traded in manipulation, slander and violence towards the first families of the earth known as Israel and the Bride of Christ (Yeshua). Both families will see the restoration of the Kingdom of God just like Queen Esther and Mordecai did.

Let us celebrate Purim with hearts full of faith and confidence that our king is the same yesterday, today and forever. So have a feast (dinner, potblessing); let righteousness, peace and joy which are the dynamics of the Kingdom of Heaven rule your heart. Never bow to Haman's condemnation and fear.

*Ezek 28:16 By the multitude of thy merchandise (traffic / lies or trade / slander) they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. KJV*

Israel and the Church will follow the example of Mordecai and never bow our head or become partners with liberal politicians and religious men who have no

regard for the *literal word* of God and reject the relevance of *God's laws* for our times. Let us stand in the city gates with no intention of bowing to the spirit of Haman and maintain the watch of Mordecai over our city.

*"You can beat truth into the dirt, but it will always rise again to confront the darkness of men's hearts no matter what time period they live in." B. Hill*

Let each of us be encouraged, "*who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?*" You were created, gifted and positioned for these kingdom moments just like Queen Esther. This is our time in temporal and eternal history, stand watch and never bow to the injustice of the Haman spirit, choose Jesus and His Word. Raise up a standard of intercession for our families, people, cities and nation.

Esther the "Star" replaced the *rebellious* Queen of her time, let the us, like Esther and the eunuch's (prophetic for purity) of Christ prepare our hearts to go before the King and ask for life! Let the Esther's arise from their slumber and come before their King with "Prophetic Intercession" so the New Covenant decree from the King overtakes the previous decree of judgment!

*Esth 4:12-5:2 12: 16. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!" 2b she found favor in his sight, and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. (NKJ)*

*"Prophetic timing is always from God and discerned by His servants."*

*Blessings, Pastor Bob Hill*