

Full Sermon Transcript: Purim 2023

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Good to see everybody that has joined us for the first day of Purim. I hope everybody's ready to read from the book of Esther today because it's the first day of Purim. So why wouldn't we read at least a little bit from the book of Esther? Amen. Praise God. But let's start in prayer. Let's go in prayer.

Lord Heavenly Father, thank you for this wonderful day. Thank you that brother Hugh and sister Dominique that they got baptized yesterday. Thank you Father for another brother, another sister in the church. People that are willing to grow in truth. Praise the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you Lord for your multitudes of blessings and provisions. Your mercy, your grace, and your love.

We ask you for a special anointing and help in the sermon today. Please put your words in my mouth and help me to teach, lead, guide, and direct your people in your spirit, in your way, in the truth, and nothing but the truth. Please help me God.

We accept your blessings and your anointing and your help and direction for life every day. May it be your way. May it be your way Father and not our own. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Praise Jesus.

Okay. Book of Esther starts page 264. If you have the paperback of the Alpha and Omega Bible. If you don't have the paperback, then I would encourage you to try to read along with us in the online edition or the PDF edition or the e-sword edition.

There are all those different versions available for people for free. Either e-sword or PDF. We've got the Alpha and Omega Bible now in a website format as well.

So that's really convenient, really handy, and we appreciate all the work that Brother Jared has put into making that website edition as well as helping me with the Alpha and Omega Bible work that is a continual process.

It's a lot of work. We've been working on the Alpha and Omega Bible for seven years and ongoing. So it's a never-ending process.

On this first day of Purim, we're starting in the book of Esther, Esther 1. Today and tomorrow both are the days of Purim and I hope that all of you are able in some way, in some form, to celebrate with a little bit extra food than what you normally have or if not extra, at least something different than what you normally have as a way of celebration.

I hope that you're able to do that. And I have found over and over in my life that the more that you give, the more that God gives. And that's what the Bible actually teaches us, and the Bible is true.

The more that we give to other people and put other people first before ourselves, the more that God will return the blessings. That is the way it actually does work.

And it's difficult to put other people first ahead of yourself if you don't have much money. If you don't have much to begin with, I know that it's difficult.

But we should not be selfish people. And we should consider the needs of other people. We should consider those people's needs. And we should be people of love and compassion and generosity.

We should be people that are giving from the heart and try to help others. And it is a true

biblical principle to deny ourselves a man.

And a lot of people have trouble denying themselves. But we are to humble ourselves, deny ourselves, consider the needs of others. The more that you help other people, it might be only a few pennies, a dollar, only one dollar, two dollars, whatever currency in your nation.

It might be a very small amount. But if you're willing to give up some of your resources for somebody else that is also suffering, God will absolutely return the blessings.

And especially if you do it because you love people, not just to get a blessing. That's the wrong reasoning. If you're doing it because God will multiply it. If you're doing it for that reason, that's actually just greed.

To give so that you may get back, that's greed. You do it to help people. That's why you do it.

Amen. Because you love people. Because you see their need. Because you want to help.

That's why you do it.

That God will return the favor. Amen. Absolutely. And it may not be the same day or tomorrow, but He will return the blessing. And He will multiply it. The Bible is true on this.

But nevertheless, let's move forward with what today's sermon is actually about. About the day of Purim, what it means for Christians. A lot of people think of Purim as being only a Jewish holiday.

But Purim is extremely important for a true Christian. It is an entire book of the Bible. The book of Esther. It's there. Amen. It is a book of the Bible. But people don't respect Old Testament books of the Bible as much as they do New Testament books of the Bible.

Because they are blinded by false religion, programmed in brain wars to think that the Old Testament books are not as important. But they are very important. Amen. Very important.

And let's start Esther 1. And we're going to read the first 11 verses. And these verses are unique to the Greek Septuagint. If you have the paperbacks, you will see a little asterisk or star right next to the verse numbers in the first 17 verses of this chapter.

And that's to let you know that these are verses that are unique to the Greek Septuagint, which you will not see these verses in the Masoretic Bibles. Therefore, you will not see these verses in the King James Version, or in the New American Standard, or the NIV, or the ESB, and many other translations you will not see these verses that we're about to read.

But they were there in the Bible that Jesus read, the Greek Septuagint. They were there in the time of the apostles. They were there in the ancient Bible manuscripts. These are true scriptures that have been taken out of a lot of the modern Bibles.

Verse 1 says, "In the second year of the reign of Artaxerxes, the great king, on the first day of Nisan," that's the first day of the first month, so that's like March or April to us, "Mardocheaus (Mordecai), the son of Jarius, the son of Semeias, the son of Cisaus, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Judean."

"Now, he was of the tribe of Benjamin," but at one time there had been a separation of the northern tribes of Israel and the southern tribes of Israel, just like in the United States of America. There had been a separation between the north and the south.

That had happened back in the biblical times in the book of history where, or maybe even the law, where they got separated to the northern and southern tribes. And the northern tribes was called the house of Israel and the southern tribes was called the house of Judah.

And Benjamin, the tribe of Benjamin, and the tribe of the Levites, and the tribe of the Jews, the tribe of Judah, those three tribes were the southern tribes.

So all three of those tribes became known as the Judeans because they stayed in the south

in Judea.

"And he was a Judean, a dwelling in the city of Susa," that is, in modern-day Iran. "He was a great man serving in the king's palace and he had a dream."

"Now, he was of the captivity," he had been held captive and taken captive by

"Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, had carried captive from Jerusalem at the same time as Jachonias, the king of Judea."

"And this was his dream. Behold, voices and a noise, thunders and earthquake, turmoil or tribulation upon the earth."

These are words and phrases that we see in the book of Joel and in the book of Revelation concerning the end time.

Verse 5 says, "And look, two great serpents came forth, both ready for conflict, and there came from them a great voice.

And by their voice every nation was prepared for battle, even to fight against the nation of the just."

That's talking about fighting against Judea, against the southern tribes of Israel.

"And behold, a day of gloom and darkness, tribulation and wrath, oppression and great confusion upon the earth."

Now, these again are phrases and terms used in the book of Joel, chapter 2 and 3, a day of gloominess and darkness, tribulation and wrath.

So we see different clues here, the different words here that lead us to believe correctly that this dream in one part, in a way, pictures the end time, the great tribulation of our day and time that will eventually be fulfilled.

So there's a connection with Purim, which is the theme of the book of Esther.

There's a connection with Purim and the end time, our end time great tribulation that will begin sometime in a future year at the time of Purim and Passover.

There's only 30 days between Purim and Passover.

So when we think of Purim, we should also think of Passover. When we think of Passover, we should also think of Purim.

They're only 30 days apart. So it is at that time of year, March, April, that we'll see the opening of the fifth seal and the martyrdom of the saints, the true saints, to begin upon the earth and the fleeing of the church into safety and hiding.

And the persecution upon the church is connected to the persecution and martyrdom of the nation of Israel, both physically and spiritually.

So in the Old Testament, many times we see the phrase, the congregation of Israel, the congregation of Israel.

That's throughout the Old Testament. And that refers to the nation of Israel as being God's church and that you cannot separate church and government.

You cannot. Even when you try to, there is no separation. Any separation is make-believe. It's not real.

Even in an atheist government, they are serving a god, a god of some type.

Whether it's their pharaoh, their king, their president, their prime minister, or Satan the devil, or both, they are in a religion even if they don't claim to be a religion.

Atheism is a religion because they're actually unknowingly serving the devil.

Therefore, in the eyes of God, it is a church. It is a religion.

So the congregation of Israel was the physical church and a foreshadowing of the spiritual church.

Today, we have both physical Israel and spiritual Israel. Today, we have both. And the Great Tribulation affects both. The Great Tribulation, the time of gloominess and darkness, tribulation and wrath, affects both the physical church and the spiritual church. Both the tribes, all the tribes of Israel and the whole world, of course, for the Great Tribulation. But there's a primary fight, and it says that all nation, every nation, was prepared for battle against the nation of the just.

So this is talking about that in our day and time, there's going to be a war of all the Gentiles' nations, the Islamic nations, the Communist nations, the Atheist nations, the Hindu, or rather the Buddhist nations, against the Israelite nations, against America, against the British Empire, against the British Commonwealth, against the Israelite nations.

That's what we're going to see occur. That's what Ezekiel 38 tells us. Amen?

But also, whenever you deal with prophecy, prophecy most of the time, many of the time, much of the time, it is dual.

That means that it has two fulfillments, or at least some foreshadowings and a fulfillment. And so the great serpents, the two great serpents in verse 5, in the time frame of Mordecai and Esther, it was talking about two men that were alive in their time that would come against the king, or attempt to come against the king.

But yet, in our time, it is speaking about the false prophet and the antichrist.

So you have a fulfillment that was way back thousands of years ago in Mordecai and Esther's timeline, and then a fulfillment in our timeline.

So it works both ways here. And so it's calling Israel the nation of the just and the righteous nation.

Okay, so all these people that hate the Jews and hate the nation of Israel, they've got a problem with God.

God has a problem with them. All of these people that we see on social media constantly hating the Jews, constantly posting against the Jewish people, and blaming the Jewish people for all the world's evils, all the world's sins, and all the war, and the New World Order, and the World Economic Forum, and everything bad that goes on in this world, they want to blame the Jews for everything.

And that is the spirit and the doctrine of hate. It's racism. It's prejudice. It is hate. It is the doctrine of Satan.

And it is Islamic and Communist propaganda. These people think that they are holier than thou. They think they are wise and so smart and so intelligent.

But the reality is they are fools. If they would just read the Bible, they would come to the knowledge of the truth, just only by reading the Bible.

But look also at history in our day and time. History in our day and time, or back in our parents' day, back when our parents, in their youth, about World War II, and Nazism, and the Holocaust, and what happened to the Jews there.

And who was against them? Nazi Germany. Hitler was against them. And look who is against the Jews today, other than people on social media.

Iran. Iran is the archenemy, above everybody else on earth, of who is against the Jews. Iran is number one on the list, as well as all the other Muslim nations.

All. All. Every Islamic nation on this planet hates the Jews, the nation of Israel, with a passion. Therefore, all these people that hate the Jews, they're on the side of Iran.

They're on the side of every Islamic nation on this earth. They are on the side of Muslims.

And yet they think that they're on the right side and that they're holy and just and smart and

intelligent because they hate an entire race of people. Hate them with a passion. It is a doctrine of Satan. The reality is that there are many people in the New World Order that are not Jews, that are not Jewish, including the president of Russia, Putin. He's not a Jew that I know of. The president of China, he's definitely not a Jew. Amen. I don't think Bill Gates is a Jew. And the list goes on and on and on. And the president of all the Muslim nations, they're not Jews. So they're on the wrong side of this war. Amen. The New World Order.

There's a lot of people, the same people that hate the Jews, they're on the internet saying that Putin is going to save us from the New World Order and he's going to save us from globalism. The reality is that Putin is the New World Order. Putin is globalism. He wants to conquer the entire world.

Look at the size of the Soviet Union. How huge it was. Why was it that huge? Because they had conquered all of their neighbors.

And what was Vietnam about, and Korea about, it was communism spreading across Asia. Between China and Russia, they wanted to, and still do want, the entire world to be communist nations and puppet nations of their empires.

And that's the truth. So how in the world would people get this into their little heads? That Putin is going to save the world from globalism and the New World Order when he is the New World Order and globalism.

And Russia and their allies, and China and Iran, which are their allies, and the Islamic nations, which are their allies, and Syria, Assad, which is the Antichrist, which is their allies, the entire confederation or group of nations in Ezekiel 38.

They are the enemies of God. They are the enemies of the church, the true church. They are the enemies of truth. They are the enemies of free speech. They are the enemies of freedom. They are the enemies of everything that is righteous and good and true.

So how are they going to save us? The propaganda, anti-Zionist, anti-Jewish, anti-Israel, anti-white propaganda that all these people have fallen for comes from Russia primarily, as well as from China and Iran and Syria.

These websites, these videos and their disinformation officers in the media, New York Times and so forth, the mainstream media, they are infiltrated and run by, owned by, and all these articles written by Muslims and communists.

People are so foolish, so extremely foolish. Very sad, very frustrating.

But we've got an entire book of Esther, an entire book of the Bible, that is a witness against such people who hate the Jews.

This entire episode that we're reading about today is a witness against the people who hate the Jews.

And World War III will be fought by Islamic and communist nations that hate the Jews, hate Israel and hate America and hate the British Commonwealth and hate these tribes, these tribes, which is a spiritual war that is still raging today between Israel and Isaac and Jacob and Esau.

It is a spiritual war that has been raging for thousands of years and we're still fighting the same battle between good and evil. Amen.

But let's keep reading about this right here.

Now, there's victory promised for us. Nevertheless, despite this war, despite the tribulation, despite the persecution and the martyrdom and everything that's going to happen, there is

victory that is promised for us.

Verse 9 says, "And he cried to Theos, and from that cry there came as it were a great river from a little fountain, even much water. And light and sun arose, and these engulfed the honorable, and the lowly were exalted."

That means the humble and the poor were exalted. "And Mordecai, who had seen this dream, and what Theos desired to do, having awakened, kept it in his heart, and desired by all means to interpret it until nighttime."

Now, let's go down to chapter 3 here. Chapter 3, verse 1.

And we're going to read, God willing, we're going to try to read the first 13 verses here.

Chapter 3, verse 1. "And after this, King Artaxerxes highly honored Haman, son of Amadathes, the Bugaeon."

Now, the Bugaeon here, I looked it up, and what it means is possibly, according to the writings of Homer and the context it was used there, it could possibly mean a bragger, a person that brags and exalts himself, or it could mean a bully.

So we're going to add in parentheses a bragger or a bully. The Masoretic Bibles actually use an entirely different word with an entirely different meaning, and that is the Agagite.

That's what the Masoretic Bibles use. An Agagite is a tribe of people. It could be, possibly, that the Bugaeans would be also a tribe of people that we don't know about, a forgotten tribe or a lost tribe, and perhaps that tribe was perhaps a tribe that was a bully tribe that exalted themselves, that was a prideful people, and perhaps that word became used of any person who was bragging and exalting themselves and being a bully. So, we don't know for sure whether it's really talking about a tribe or saying that he was from the Agagites who were bullies and braggers.

Okay? So that's what that means. But this Haman, which was the main person, the main villain, wicked person of the Book of Esther, he was the number one wicked person of this Book of Esther, the enemy of the Jews, and the enemy of Esther and Mordecai and their people.

And your Masoretic Bibles will have an H in front of this, his name, H-A-M-A-N, but the H was silent and you wouldn't pronounce it in any way, shape, or form of what the English people would pronounce it with the H or even without the H.

It's almost impossible for an English person to pronounce this name, so the best we can do is Haman or Aman, but neither one is the correct pronunciation.

But he was the arch enemy of the Jews, Mordecai and Esther, and he exalted himself, it says. So he was an Antichrist figure. And he set his seat above all his friends. So he symbolizes the Antichrist. Amen?

How the Antichrist, the Assyrian, which is actually of the Iranian bloodline he is, as well as being a Jew, the Assyrian Assad, his family, his parents supposedly, came from Iran and immigrated into or came into Syria.

So he's of the Iranian bloodline. So it's interesting that Haman, or Aman, that he symbolizes here the Antichrist, who shall exalt himself and set his seat above all.

Verse 2, "And all in the palace did bow to him, for so did the king had gave orders to do so, that Mordecai did not bow to him." Amen? "And they in the king's palace said to Mordecai, 'Mordecai, why do you transgress the commands of the king?' And thus they spoke daily to him, but he did not obey them. So they represented to Haman that Mordecai resisted the commands of the king.

So Mordecai had revealed to them that he was a Judean. And when Haman understood that

Mordecai did not bow to him, he was greatly enraged, became angry, and took counsel, or plan, to destroy utterly all the Judeans who were under the rule of the king Artaxerxes. And he made a decree, or a law, or a statement of law, in the twelfth year of the reign of Artaxerxes. And he cast lots daily and monthly."

So let's talk about casting lots. The word, and I believe it is a Syrian word, that is Purim. And Purim means casting lots. So that's how we get the name of Purim, is because it means to cast lots. Now what does it mean to cast lots?

Casting lots is rolling dice and trusting God, whether it's a false god or a true god, whatever god that person serves, trusting their god to make the dice roll on the word. Because instead of numbers, it was words.

It may have included yes and no. Very much some people may have seen at some time in their life this magic eight ball that has water in it.

You can go to the store in the United States and buy a magic eight ball. And it has water in it. You shake it up and it has a little window. And it's a little black ball, kind of like a bowling ball, but much smaller.

And it has that little glass window in it. And it has a little thing inside of it that rotates in the water. And it has different words, several different words on each side of that internal gadget with all these words on it.

So when you shake it and turn it over every time, it will show a different word. And you can pretend like you're asking God or asking the spirits about it, about something. Ask questions and see what the answer will be.

And so they had something of a dice and we don't know exactly how it worked, what it was. We assume that it was some type of dice with different words on it or different symbols that, and perhaps symbols, that represented the answers that they were seeking from their god.

And so he was doing this and trying to determine when to destroy the Jews, asking for a divine supernatural revelation about when would be the appropriate right and ordained time for the killing of the Jews.

Or perhaps, rather, he should even kill them or not. We don't know exactly what was going on. And it says that he was doing this weekly and monthly.

So there's two possible possibilities of what that really means. It could mean that he was doing this every day and every month in order to see if the same answer would pop up again repeatedly in a pattern in order to confirm that it really was from the spirits, that it really was from God, rather than from coincidence.

He could have been trying to see if there was a pattern in the answer to confirm that it really was a spirit answering his question. Or it could mean that he was asking for a particular date in which he was asking for a particular date, but is that what it means or not? Or was he doing it every day and every month?

So there's a little bit of a question what that really, really, really means. Nevertheless, he was seeking a supernatural date either way. Either way, he was trying to seek a supernatural date to slaughter, it says, in one day, the race of Mordecai.

And the lot, or the answer, fell on the fourteenth day of the month, which is Adar. So the answer that was given to him, whether it was from the devil or whether it was from true God, which is possible that it came from either way, it is possible in either direction there, it really is. It could have been God that determined that that was the day that he wanted the plan to

occur, even though it was a demonic plan. Even though it was a demonic plan.

And yes, our brother in Jamaica had a question, so yes, that is the origin of lottery. That is the origin of lottery. And it wasn't just wicked people doing it. It was also the true men of God in the Bible, even the high priests.

And that was an actual biblical thing, is that you could read about the true men of God casting lots in the Bible. So it's not necessarily a demonic thing. It just depends on which God are you seeking the answer for.

And who are you praying to, what name that you're using. But the casting of lots is not necessarily demonic in itself. But that is the origin of the lottery.

And a lot of religious people think that playing the lottery is wicked and wrong and is a sin.

And I do not agree. How is it a sin? How? How is it a sin?

Well, the answer that some people might be is greed, is trying to get money, is trying to get rich. But it's really, that would vary with the person.

I know that some people are playing the lottery wishing and praying for a million dollars and ten million dollars and a brand new car and all that. But there's also a lot of people that's only hoping for fifty dollars, a hundred dollars, or something like that, or twenty dollars.

So it really varies in difference with individuals, with different people, of what kind of mindset that they have.

And then there's a difference between using only one dollar to play a lottery or to buy a lottery ticket or a scratch-off ticket. There's a difference between spending a very small amount of money per month or per year on the lottery tickets and scratch-off tickets, whatever lottery game that they're playing.

There's a difference between spending a very small amount of money and spending a large amount of money in which they become addicted to it and in which they become too greedy and in which they start wasting their money and not taking care of their children, not taking care of their responsibilities in life.

And then that's where it really, really becomes a problem where they have developed into a dangerous addiction with bad fruit from it.

So it varies person to person, their heart, their attitude, their intent, how much money they spend, whether they're wasting their money, how much money they're wasting, and so on.

So I have bought the lottery tickets and I have gone to the casino. In fact, I went to the casino recently and spent only 20 bucks and got five dollars of that back.

I don't know, I might have lost two dollars of that and it came out to where I probably left the building with about the same amount of money or maybe a couple of dollars more than what I had came in with.

So it's not like I went there and threw away hundreds of dollars. That's not what I did.

I went in and came out with about the same amount of money that I had when I got there and maybe a couple of dollars more or five dollars more or something like that.

So it depends on your heart, your intent, and how much money you waste and a lot of different variables that it would depend on.

There's nothing demonic about it unless you let it become demonic and become a power over you, an addiction that controls you and destroys your finances.

Just like drinking, same thing. There's nothing wrong with drinking a little bit. The Bible says that wine maketh the heart merry.

Happy, that means, makes the heart happy. That's not a negative thing, that's not a demonic thing.

But it can become demonic if you abuse it too much and let it take control of your life and make bad decisions.

So it's how you use it. Just like a gun, just like a knife, it is how you use it.

Okay, so he did this and he came out with the day of 14th of Adar. Now, Adar is the last month of the year.

And we're not talking about the Roman year, we're not. So this would actually be February, March, in the time zone of February, March, on God's calendar.

So today is this date, 14th of Adar. That is today's date. So we're March 6th, but that will vary year to year.

It will be a little bit earlier in the year or a little bit later in the year. It will vary year to year about what Roman day that it would come out on.

Verse 8, "He spoke to the king Artaxerxes saying, 'There is a nation scattered among the nations in which all your kingdom,'" That means the Jews were scattered in these different provinces of the Persian empire.

"And their laws, their laws, differ from all other nations, and they disobey the laws of the king. And it is not profitable for the king to leave them alone.

If it seems good to the king, let him make a decree, a law, a statement of law, to destroy them.

And I will remit into the king's treasury, or pay into the king's treasury ten thousand talents of silver.'

And the king took off his ring and gave it into the hands of Aman, which means to give him authority to seal the decree against the Judeans.

And the king said to Aman, 'Keep the silver and treat the nation as you will, as you want.'

So the king's recorders were called in on the first month," so that's now going into the next month after Adar, and "On the thirteenth day of that first month, and they wrote as Aman commanded to the captains and the governors in every province from India, even to Ethiopia," because it was a huge Persian empire, "to a hundred and twenty-seven provinces or regions or states, and to the rulers of those nations according to their several languages and different languages in the name of King Artaxerxes."

And it says in verse thirteen, On the first day of the twelfth month, which comes now a full cycle of a year now, a year has gone by now, in the message that was sent by the couriers throughout the kingdom of Artaxerxes, to destroy utterly the race of the Judeans, and to plunder their goods.

So when we think of the book of Esther, we now need to realize that the book of Esther was not all fulfilled in the same month.

In fact, not even the same year as we go throughout the book, because the story is not over with yet.

From the time of the lottery of determining the date to kill the Jews, all the way until the killing of Haman, and then, later on, the killing of his ten sons, would actually span almost two years. And they did not even celebrate term and command the celebration of term until the end of those two years.

So this is something that we're growing in understanding about, growing in knowledge and understanding that this was not all done and accomplished within the same year.

The date determined, and I'm starting to wonder if the date had actually included that it would not even be that year, but rather that it would be a future year.

So that's up for debate. That is something that I'm thinking about.

It doesn't seem like that he thought that it would be that year.

I think that you've got to consider the translation process and so forth is a possibility of how long it would have took to write all the letters and translate it to different languages and then to deliver it on horses and so forth to the different provinces in a huge impact.

So, from the time of the writing of the letter, it was eleven months later before the people were actually receiving these letters, it seems like.

Before I go any farther, I want to talk a little bit more about Haman and why he was even born.

Who was Haman or Aman? Why was he even born? Because it says that he was the Bugeean, but it also says that he was the son of the Agagites.

Well, guess what? The Agagites, God, Jesus, had previously already in a previous book of the Bible, had commanded Saul, when Saul was king, to kill all the Agagites, to kill every Agagite that existed, to kill every one of them.

God had commanded Saul to do that.

So, if Saul had killed every Agagite like God commanded, why do we see here a descendant of the Agagites plotting against the Jews?

Why? So, put a bookmark here, a piece of paper, something, something more than just your finger, because put a piece of paper there or something. Let's go over to 1 Samuel 15, page 62.

And different people and different, if you have an older copy of it, it might be page 61 or 63 or something, but right now we're looking at page 62 in the brand new updated copy, and it's 1 Samuel 15 verse 1.

1 Samuel 15 verse 1. Give everybody time to get there. 1 Samuel 15 verse 1.

Samuel, that was the prophet, the main number one prophet of God in that particular time of the book of Samuel.

It's named after him. And this prophet Samuel said to king Saul, he said, Jesus sent me to anoint you king over Jesrael, and now hear the voice of Jesus.

So, previously he had already done that. And it says in verse 2, Thus saith Jesus of hosts, of Jesus of multitudes, Now I will take vintage or revenge for what Amalec did to Jesrael, when he had met him in the way as he came up out of Egypt. And now go, and you shall smite or kill Amalec and Hierim and all that belongs to him, everything that belongs to him, and you shall not save anything of him alive.

But you shall utterly destroy him, and you shall devote him and all of his to destruction, and you shall spare nothing belonging to him, and you shall slay or kill, both man and woman and infant and even the nursing infants and the calves and the sheep and the camels and the donkeys, everything, everyone and everything of the tribe of the Agagites.

Let's read all the way down through verse 11. And it says in verse 4, Saul summoned the people, and he numbered them in Gilgal four hundred thousand regular troops, and Judah thirty thousand regular troops.

And Saul came to the cities of Amalec, and he laid weight in the valley.

And Saul said to Kenite, go and depart out of the mist of the Agagites, lest I put you in there with them, and for you dealt mercifully with the children of Jesrael when they went out of Egypt.

So the Kenite departed from the mist of Agagite.

And Saul smote, or struck, Agagite from the town of Evilat to the town of Sur fronting Egypt.

And he took Agag, the king of Amalec, alive, and he killed all the people and Hyran with the edge of the sword.

And Saul and all the people saved Agar alive, the king of the Agagites, and they also saved the best of the flocks, and of the herds, and of the fruits, and of the vineyards, and of all the good things, and they would not destroy them, but every worthless and refuge thing they destroyed.

And the word of Jesus came to Samuel saying, I have repented that I have made Saul to be king, for he turned back from following me and has not kept my word. Amen.

So Saul disobeyed Jesus, because Jesus had commanded him to kill everything and spare nothing.

To kill even the good cattle, and the children, and the women, and everybody, and to destroy everything, not leave any of it.

But Saul decided, on his own will, of his own accord, to keep the good things, to keep the good cattle.

Now, it doesn't say anything about keeping any of the women, but it is logical to think, because we know that Haman had eventually been born, and he was a descendant of this tribe, there must have been, logic dictates, that there must have been at least one woman that they did not kill.

And we know from other Bible verses that most of the time God did allow the Israelite army to preserve and keep the virgin women alive and keep them as new additional wives and concubines, as prisoners of war and as the spoil of war.

And so I believe that that's what they did here as well, even though that's not written.

Because logic dictates that there must have been at least one woman that they spared alive in order to give birth eventually, and a descendant down the line sometime, I don't know how much time passed, but eventually Haman was born.

Now, God repented of making Saul king because Saul disobeyed him about not killing everyone and everything of the Amalekites.

Now, the atheists and the Muslims would claim that God is a monster and that God is horrible for commanding the killing of even the infants and women.

But the reality is that such a command was a command of mercy and of love because these Amalekites were demonic people.

And it would have been worse to allow the babies and the women to live and raise those children in a demonic life of crime and evil and worshipping false gods and sacrificing their children to devils.

It's much more merciful to destroy such a tribe and a nation.

It's much more merciful to completely annihilate the wicked rather than to let them live in misery and destroy themselves slowly and hurt other nations and hurt other people and hurt the people of God.

Much more merciful to just destroy the entire nation.

Go down to verse 26 now.

Chapter 15 verse 26.

And Samuel said to Saul, I will not turn back with you for you have rejected the word of Jesus and Jesus will reject you from being king over Jesrael.

And Samuel turned his face to depart, and Saul caught hold of the skirt of his garment and tore it.

And Samuel said to him, Jesus had torn your kingdom from Jesrael out of your hand this day and would give it to your neighbor, talk about David, who is better than you.

Verse 33.

And Samuel said to Agar, because Agar was still alive, Samuel felt where he was at and said to Agar, the king, as your sword has bereaved women of their children, so shall your mother be made childless among women.

In other words, I'm going to kill you.

And Samuel killed Agar before Jesus in that place called Galgal.

So Saul had not killed him, but Samuel did kill Agar.

Samuel was a prophet, a holy man, a man very devout and devoted to God Almighty.

But Samuel killed, using the sword, against this wicked man, Agar, who had previously, unrighteously killed children.

Amen? According to this verse.

So the man of God took action.

He did more than just pray against his enemies. Amen?

Chapter 4, let's go back to Esther now.

Let's go back to Esther.

And let's go to Esther chapter 4, verse 1.

Esther 4, verse 1.

Okay, we're going to read the first 16 verses.

Verse 4, verse 1.

Now when we're talking about ashes here, they're not putting crosses on their forehead, but rather they're throwing the ashes over their entire head.

That's what they're doing. An entire body.

Completely different from Ash Wednesday. Entirely different.

Verse 4.

And the queen's maids and chamberlains went in and told her, and when she had heard what was done, she was disturbed and sent to clothe Mordecai and take away his sackcloth, but he consented not.

So Esther, whose real name was Hadassah, called for her chamberlain, Achraethaeus, her servant, who waited upon her and she sent to learn the truth from Mordecai.

And Mordecai showed him, the servant, what had been done, and the promise which Aman had made the king of 10,000 talents to be paid into the treasury and that he might destroy the Judeans.

Verse 8, he gave him the copy of the writing that was published in Susa, the capital of the Persian empire, concerning their destruction, to show to Hadassah and tell him to charge her to go in and entreat the king, to beg the king, to beg him for the people.

Remembering, he said, the days of your low estate, your humble estate, how you were nourished by my hand, fed by my hand, because Aman, who holds the next place to the king, has spoken against us for death.

Call upon the Lord and speak to the king concerning us to deliver us from death.

So, the servant went in and told her, Esther, all these words that Mordecai had said.

And Hadassah said to the servant, go to Mordecai and say this, all the tribes, all the nations of the empire, know that whoever, man or woman, that should go into the king, into the inner court, uncalled, that person can't live, only to whosoever the king shall stretch out his golden

scepter, only he shall live. And I've not been called to go into the king for these thirty days. So this servant reported back to Mordecai all the words of Hadassah.

Then Mordecai said to the servant, go and say to her, Esther or Hadassah, say not to yourself that you are alone in the escape in the kingdom, more than all the other Judeans. For if you shall refuse to obey on this occasion, help and protection will be to the Judeans from another quarter or from another place or from another person, God will rescue the Judeans by another person, that you and your father's house will perish and who knows if you have been made queen for this very occasion, for this purpose.

And Esther sent the man that came to her to Mordecai saying, go and assemble the Judeans that are in Susa and fast you for me and eat not and drink not for three days, nights and days, for also I and my maidens will fast and I will go into the king, contrary to the law, even though he's not called me basically and even if I must die.

So she has to take upon herself a very serious decision and a risk, a very dangerous risk to speak to the king without permission.

Chapter 5 verse 1, It came to pass on the third day — after three days of fasting — when she had ceased praying that she put off her normal attire and her sackcloth and ashes, put all those off and put on her glorious apparel — her queen outfit — to be presentable to the king. We're going to read this entire chapter right here.

And being splendidly arrayed or clothed and having called upon Theos, the overseer and preserver of all things, she took her two maids, servants, and she leaned upon one as a delicate female and the other followed bearing or carrying her dress, the train of her dress, the back of her dress carrying it because a very, very, very long dress of which a queen would wear.

And she was blooming in the perfection of her beauty and her face was cheerful and it was benevolent, but her heart was straitened for fear.

And having passed through all the doors, through door and door and door to get to the king, she stood before the king and he was sitting upon his royal throne and he had put on all of his glorious clothing as well, covered all over with gold and precious stones and he was awesome. And having raised his face, we'll correct that word as well, shining with or whatever word, with glory, he looked with passion and the queen fell and changed her color as she fainted and she bowed herself upon the head of the maid, the servant that went before her. But Theos changed the spirit of the king to gentleness and in great concern he sprung from off his throne and took her into his arms until she recovered and he comforted her with peaceful words and said to her, what is the matter Esther, he would have said, he would have called her Esther rather than Hadassah because Esther was her Persian name but Hadassah her Hebrew name.

"So what is the matter Esther? I am your brother. Be of good cheer. You shall not die, for our command is openly declared to you, draw near."

And having raised the golden scepter to give permission to her to come forth, he laid upon her neck and embraced her and said, speak to me.

And she said to him, "I saw you my lord, my master, as an agent of God."

That's why she fainted and my heart was troubled for fear of your glory.

"For you, oh lord, oh master, are to be wondered at and your face is full of favor."

Basically she saw a vision in his face that she saw that God was going to use him in a mighty way.

And it was an amazing sight that overwhelmed her to cause her to faint.

Verse 10, and while she was speaking she fainted and fell and then the king was troubled and all his servants comforted her.

And the king said, "What will you Esther, for what is your request? Ask even to the half of my kingdom and it should be yours."

And Esther said, "Today is my great day. If then it seems good to the king, that both him and Haman come to the feast, which I will prepare this day."

And the king said, rush Haman here, I'm hungry. No, he didn't say I'm hungry.

"Rush Haman here that we may perform the word of Esther."

So they both came to the feast of which Hadassah, that was her real name, had spoken.

But at the banquet the king said to Hadassah, "What is your request, queen Esther? Speak and you shall have all that you require."

And she said, "My request and my petition are, if I have found favor in the sight of the king, let the king and Haman come over tomorrow to the feast, which I will" —

She knew how to play the game, didn't she? Amen.

"Come tomorrow to the feast, which I shall prepare for you, and tomorrow I will do the same."

And Haman went out from the king, very glad and merry.

But when Haman saw Mordecai the Judean in the court, he was greatly enraged.

And having gone into his own house, he called his friends and his wife, Haman called his wife, Zosara.

And he showed them his wealth and the glory with which the king had invested in him and how he had caused him to take precedence and bear chief rule in the kingdom.

And Haman said, the queen has called no one to the feast with the king but me, and I am invited tomorrow.

But these things please me not, while I see Mordecai the Judean in the court.

And Zosara, his wife and his friends said to him, let there be gallows, that's the equipment for hanging people, made for you of fifty cubits high.

And in the morning you shall speak to the king, and let Mordecai be hanged on the gallows.

But you go in to the feast with the king, and be merry.

And the saying pleased Haman, and the gallows were prepared.

But the Lord removed sleep from the king that night, and he told his servant to bring in the scrolls, the register of daily events, to read to him.

And he found the records written therein concerning Mordecai, how he had told the king previously, concerning the two Artaxerxes of the king, when they were keeping guard, and those people had sought to lay hands against the king Artaxerxes.

And the king said, what honor or what favor have we done to Mordecai?

And the king's servant said, you have not done anything for him.

And while the king was inquiring, asking about the kindness of Mordecai, behold, Haman was in the court.

And the king said, "Who is in the court?"

Now Haman was come in to speak to the king that he should hang Mordecai on the gallows which he had prepared.

And the king's servant said, "Behold, Haman stands in the court."

And the king said, "Call him."

And the king said to Haman, "What shall I do to the man whom I want to honor?"

And Haman said within himself, "Whom will the king honor but me, myself?"

And he said to the king, "As for the man whom the king wants to honor, let the king's servants bring the robe of fine linen, which the king puts on, and the horse on which the king rides, and let him give it to one of the king's noble friends.

Let him array the man whom the king loves, and let him mount him on his horse, and proclaim through the street of the city, saying, 'Thus shall it be done to every man whom the king honors.'"

Then the king said to Haman, "You have said well, so do to Mordecai the Judean, who waits in the palace, and let not a word of what you have spoken be neglected."

So Haman took the robe and the horse, and he arrayed, or he clothed Mordecai, and mounted him on the king's horse, and went through the street of the city, and proclaimed, saying, "Thus shall it be done to every man whom the king wants to honor."

And Mordecai returned to the palace.

But Haman went home, mourning, crying, weeping, having his head covered.

And Haman related the events, told the events, that had befallen him to Zosara, his wife, and to his friends. And his friends and his wife said to him, If Mordecai be of the race of the Judeans, and you have begun to be humbled before him, you will assuredly fall, and you will not be able to withstand him, for the living feels is with him.

And while they was yet speaking, the chamberlains arrived to rush Haman to the banquet, to the feast, which Hadassah had prepared.

Chapter 7.

So the king and Haman went in to drink with the king.

And the king said to Hadassah at the banquet on the second day, "What is it, Queen Esther? And what is your request? And what is your petition? And it shall be done for you to the half of my kingdom."

And she answered and said, "If I have found favor in the sight of the king, let my life be granted to my petition and my people to my request, for both I and my people are sold for destruction and pillage and slavery, both we and our children, for bondmen and bondwomen, for slaves, and I consented not to it, for the slanderer is not worthy of the king's palace."

And the king said, "Who is this that has dared to do this thing?"

And Hadassah said, "The adversary is Haman, this wicked man."

Now I want to point out something right here.

Adversary is a word that is also used for Satan the devil.

And there's a word here somewhere that also refers to the devil.

Diabolical. In Esther 8, verse 1.

So we will definitely get there in a minute then.

Okay? That's in the next chapter. So we're almost there.

So we'll bring that back up here in a minute.

But the adversary is Haman, this wicked man.

So that, in a sense, symbolizes an antichrist or a demonic man in relationship to the devil, that the devil is behind this man.

And Haman was troubled before the king and the queen.

And the king rose up from the banquet to go into the garden.

And Haman began to entreat the king, for he saw that he was in a bad situation.
And the king returned from the garden.
And Haman had fallen upon the couch, entreating the queen, actually begging the queen.
And the king said, well, you've forced yourself upon my wife in my house.
And when Haman heard it, he changed his appearance, his countenance, his face appearance.
And one of the chamberlains, one of the servants named Bugathan, said to the king, "Behold, Haman has also prepared a gallows," on which you hang people, "for Mordecai," this man that you want to honor, "who spoke concerning the king."
And a gallows of fifty cubits high, very high, has been set up in the premises of Haman.
And the king said, "Let him be hanged thereon."
So the king commanded that Haman be hanged on the very gallows which he had built for Mordecai and the Jews.
So Haman was hanged on the gallow that had been prepared for Mordecai.
And then the king's wrath was appeased.

Now, I don't know for sure, a hundred percent for sure, the date of Haman's death.
The Jews, some Jews, proclaimed that it was at Passover.
I don't have really any reason to believe that.
It could have been, and I have heard, that it was on the fourteenth of Adar, which is permanent.
I can't really prove that either, I don't think.
It's not specific to the date that I can see of here as I have been reading.
Of course, we're not being reading the entire book, but I don't think it's specific to the date of his death.
But definitely on the same gallows that had been prepared for Mordecai, and we know that for sure.
Then in chapter 8, verse 1, and in that day King Artaxerxes gave to Hadassah all that belonged to Haman the diabolical, which is a word that sometimes, but not every time, sometimes is in reference to the devil.
So we see words that are clues that there are demons that are active in the life and actions of the Jew-hater Haman.
And Mordecai was called by the king, for Hadassah had revealed that he was related to her.
And the king took the ring which he had taken from Haman and gave it to Mordecai to give him power and authority, more power and more authority in the kingdom. Amen.
And she spoke yet again to the king and fell at his feet and besought him to do away with the mischief of Haman and all that he had done against the Judeans and all his plans against the Judeans.
And the king stretched out to Hadassah, the golden scepter, and Hadassah arose to stand near the king.
And Hadassah said, If it seems good to you, and if I have found favor in your sight, let an order be sent that the letters that had been sent by Haman be reversed that were written for the destruction of the Judeans who are in your kingdom. For how shall I be able to stand upon the affliction of my people and how shall I be able to survive the destruction of my ancestral nation?
And the king said to Hadassah, If I have given and freely granted to you all that was Haman's and hanged him on the gallows because he laid his hands upon the Judeans, what do you

yet, father, seek? Write you also in my name, as it seems good to you, and seal it with my ring, for whatever orders are written at the command of the king or sealed with my ring, it is not lawful to speak against them.

So the scribes were called in on the first month, which is Nisan. That's March, April. So this is now going past Adar.

So it does make sense that he may have been hanged on the 14th of Adar because right after that we're talking about the first month and then the 23rd day that the scribes were called in later on.

Now it could have been that he was hung sometime within those first 22 days of the first month, but it is possible that there was three weeks, four weeks, five weeks time before they called in the scribes. That's possible as well.

So the orders were written to the Judeans, whatever the king had commanded to the local governors and the chiefs of the leaders, from India even to Ethiopia, 127 either regions or leaders, according to the several provinces, according to their dialects, to their languages. And they were written by order of the king and sealed with his ring, and they sent the letters by the couriers, mail couriers, wherein he charged them to use their own laws in every city, the laws of the Judeans in every city, and to help each other and to treat their adversaries and those who intact them as they pleased.

To give them the right for self-defense and to even counter and even have an offensive attack, not only defensive but offensive, on one day in all the kingdom of Artaxerxes on the 13th day of the 12th month, which is Adar.

Now notice here the writing of the letter begins in the first month of the year, but the attack and the counter-attack would occur 11 months after that at the time of Purim, so we've got two years in everything that we have read thus far.

And actually, if you go all the way back to chapter 1 verse 1 with the original dream, that goes back even 10 years before.

And that's not real clear until you start looking at where it says repeatedly in the reign of the king, the third year, the seventh year, whatever it says in each instance, in a different year of the reign of the king and start adding those up.

But if you was to go all the way back to chapter 1 verse 1 with the original dream that Mordecai had, then you actually go between either 10 to 14 years for the entire book of Esther, 10 to 14 years.

I read last night that it's 10 years, but what Brother Jared and I looked at make us believe it may have been 14 years. It don't really matter whether it was 10 or 14.

But it would get a general timeline there. But then when you get down to the time that Haman wrote the letter and then sent it to the provinces, that's 11 month period.

And then you've got his hanging. Then you've got a new decree and brand new letters that you have the right to self-defense and even go on the offensive to treat those people that was going to attack you, to treat them in any way you want to treat them.

Which gives you permission not only to defend yourself, but to even go on the offensive on that date of the anniversary. It actually was the one year anniversary of the original date.

Unless, like I said earlier, unless the original date had actually been planned for two years ahead of time. So either it was the one year anniversary in which when we get to the part where Mordecai and Esther says, Okay, here you are. This is the date that we're going to celebrate every year. It's called Purim, and we're going to celebrate this every year, and I

want everybody to celebrate this every year. From the time that they said that, going backward, it was either the one year anniversary of when it would have been, of when the Jews would have been killed, or else it really was the date that they would have been killed if the original date had been declared for two years ahead of time. It never says that the date in which they're going to be killed will be in the same year.

But rather only on the 14th or 13th, whatever, of Adar. So it could go the other way there. So there's a little bit of a mystery there.

Okay, let's see. Where are we at? What's the last verse I read?

Chapter 8, 10. Yeah, sent the letters by the couriers. Verse 11, wherein he charged them to use their own laws. And one day, verse 12, we read that. So now we go to chapter 9. Chapter 9, verse 1, we're going to read only the first four verses.

Chapter 9, verse 1, And in the twelfth month, on the thirteenth day of the month, which is Adar, the letters written by the kings arrived. And in that day the adversaries of the Judeans perished, and no one resisted through fear of them.

The chief of the satraps, that is a type of leader, and the princes and the royal scribes, they honored the Judeans, for the fear of Mordecai lay upon them, for the order the king was in force, that he would be in charge, and that he should be celebrated and honored in all the kingdom.

Okay, let's go down to verse 12. We'll go from verse 12 through the end of that chapter. Verse 12, chapter 9, verse 12, And the king said to Hadassah, The Judeans have slain five hundred men in the city of Susa, and how, thank you, have you used them in the rest of the country? What then do you yet ask that it may be done for you? Hadassah said to the king, Let it be granted to the Judeans so to treat them tomorrow, on the fourteenth, as to hang the ten sons of Haman.

And they had hung Haman one year earlier before this. Now let us hang the ten sons of Haman. Now the ten sons of Haman represent, in prophecy for our day and time, represent, I believe, that they represent the ten toads of Daniel, the ten horns of the beasts of Revelation 13.

That would be the ten world leaders of the New World Order Empire under the control of Assad. So I believe that those ten horns of the beasts are ten businessmen, not presidents, not prime ministers, because the Scriptures say that they do not yet have a kingdom until their kingdom is given to them by the Antichrist. But if you look at Putin, he already has a kingdom. If you look at the president, prime minister, whatever it is of China, he already has a kingdom. And if you look at any other president or prime minister in the world, they already have a kingdom.

So I'm thinking that it's the New World Order businessmen, like George Soros and Bill Gates, who want to control the world, who think that they do control the world, those people that have the desire to be kings over the earth, who are very demonic, diabolical.

There are New World Order people that will be appointed by the president of Syria, the Antichrist. We do know that Bill Gates and George Soros and other people like that, Charles Schwab, that they have a huge amount of authority with the presidents, prime ministers and governments, nations of the earth.

They are acting as kings, but are not officially kingdom kings, presidents. So it makes plenty of sense for those to be the ones to be appointed as kings over the earth when the Antichrist takes dominion over all the nations.

And they are all anti-Jewish. Amen? They are all anti-Israel. And pro-Iranian, every one of

them. And pro-Russia, every one of them. Pro-China, every one of them. Amen? So again, the people who hate the Jews are on the wrong side. So it says here, next verse, Brother Jared, I need to start using a piece of paper to hold my place. Verse 14.

Verse 14 is the next verse, and he permitted it to be done so, and he gave up the Judeans of the city, the bodies of the sons of Haman, to hang.

And the Judeans assembled in Susa on the fourteenth of Adar, and killed three thousand men, but plundered no property.

And the rest of the Judeans who were in the kingdom assembled and helped one another, and obtained rest from the enemies, for they destroyed fifteen thousand of them on the thirteenth day of Adar, but took no spoil.

And they rested on the fourteenth day of the same month, and kept it as a day of rest with joy and gladness.

Now, they did keep it as a day of rest, but I don't know that we have any command for us to keep it as a day of rest.

Let's keep reading.

And the Judeans in the city of Susa assembled also on the fourteenth day and rested, they did, and they kept also the fifteenth day with joy and gladness.

And on this account, then, it is that the Judeans, dispersed in ever foreign land, keep the fourteenth day of Adar as a holy day with joy, sending portions, that means gifts, each to his neighbor, whether it be food or something else.

And Mordecai wrote these things in a scroll and sent them to the Judeans, as many as were in the kingdom of Artaxerxes, both them that were near and them that were far off in this very large empire, to establish these as joyful days, and to keep the fourteenth and fifteenth of Adar.

Verse 22, And on these days the Judeans obtained rest from their enemies, and as to the month which was Adar, in which a change was made for them, from mourning to joy, from sorrow to a good day, to spend the whole of it in the good days of feasting and gladness, sending gifts to their friends and to the poor.

And the Judeans consented to this accordingly, as Mordecai wrote to them, showing how Haman the son of the Amadathes, or the Agagites, actually, the Macedonian, he was a Macedonian as well, fought against them, how he had made a decree, and how he had cast lots to destroy them utterly.

Also, how he went into the king, telling him to hang Mordecai. But all the calamities he tried to bring upon the Judeans came upon himself, and he was hanged and his children.

Therefore these days were called Purim because of the lots, for in the language they are called Purim, because of the words of this letter, and because of all that they suffered on this account, and all that had happened to them.

And Mordecai established it, and the Judeans took it upon themselves, and upon their seed, upon their descendants, and also upon those that were joined to them to observe it, so not the Jews only.

Right here is the proof that Purim is not for Jews only, but also to those that were joined to them to observe it. So that would mean, just like all the other biblical holy days, that even the Gentiles, once they were baptized into the tribe of Israel, which was the congregation of Israel, and they were baptized, even in the Old Testament times, that of anybody, of any

language, of any color, of any tribe, of any nation on earth, any Gentile, if they wanted to embrace the God of Israel, and obey His commandments, and His laws, and His holy days, and His Sabbath, then they would be baptized, completely submerged in water, in order to convert, to be considered an Israelite. So there was no separation between government, state, and religion.

When you converted to accept the God of Israel, you were also becoming a citizen of Israel. Amen? When you become a citizen of America, or of the British Commonwealth, or of Israel, you should respect the laws of that nation, and convert to Christianity, even to true Christianity, and embrace the God, the true God, of ancient Israel, and the true God of spiritual Israel. Amen?

And the Bible says in the book of Romans, that the Apostle Paul wrote, that a true Jew, and that a true Israelite, is one that is not circumcised in the flesh, but rather that he is circumcised in the heart. Amen?

So, there you have it. Amen? And it says, that neither would they on any account behave differently, but these days were to be a memorial kept in every generation, and city, and family, ever family, ever tribe, and ever province.

Verse 28, and these days of the Purim, they said, shall be kept forever, and their memorial shall not fail in any generation. Amen.

And Queen Hadassah, the daughter of Aminadab, and Mordecai the Judean, wrote all that they had done in the confirmation of the letter of Purim. And Mordecai and Hadassah the Queen appointed a fast for themselves, privately, even at that time also having formed their plan against their own health.

So, on this very day that everybody else was feasting, and partying, and celebrating, privately in secret, Mordecai and Esther was fasting. And you don't have to do that. Some people are in love with fasting because they think it makes them holy. It doesn't.

They saw it, Mordecai and Esther saw it, as a day of victory, which it is. And they thought that being the leaders of the people, and that they were the ones that God had used personally to bring a victory to the entire tribe or nation of the Judeans.

Including the Benjaminites, the Levites, and all the three tribes of the Judeans. Really, lots of people's lives were saved. And they thought it best for themselves to humble themselves, to prevent pride, to prevent them exalting themselves and boasting about themselves.

And to honor God privately, taking it as a very serious form of worship, of thinking about the victory that God had given them, what all had been accomplished, and that they could have died that day. They could have died that day.

So this was a personal choice that Mordecai and Esther chose to fast privately, secretly, while everybody else was feasting. It doesn't mean that you have to do the same.

It's actually supposed to be celebrated with feasting. This was how it was described as to be observed. How to observe it is with feasting and sinning gifts.

And it says in then next, verse 32, that Hadassah established it by command forever and it was written for a memorial, a remembrance.

But even though it is a time of remembrance, even as Passover is, it is also a time of foreshadowing. Everything that happened back then is a foreshadowing of our day and time, when in some future year, at that same date apparent, there will be the opening of the fifth seal of the book of Revelation, and that will be the time of the fulfillment of the abomination of desolation.

This is not conjecture. That means that this is not my opinion, that this is not assumption. This is not my private interpretation of prophecy. But rather, this is divine revelation, and that is easily proven by any one of you.

You yourself can prove what I just said. All you have to do is Daniel 12. It says that there should be 1,335 days. It says that there should be 1,290 days.

And that 1,290 days shall begin with the abomination of desolation and come out to the very end.

And that at the very end, that not only is the end of 1,290, but it's also the end of 1,335 days. So obviously, there's a 30 days before the 1,290, so that it all adds up to the 1,335. Then all you have to do is take the Holy Days, the date in God's calendar, lay it on top of the Roman calendar, and count out the difference in days over three and a half years of 1,335 days, starting with 30 days before Passover.

So it actually starts with Purim. Purim starts the entire 1,335 countdown. 30 days, that's the exact amount of time between Purim and Passover.

So this is easy stuff. And you can prove it by reading the Bible, and I have laid it out for you step by step by step by step.

I give you the verses. I give you all of this. I lay it out on a silver platter for you, and it's all laid out for you in the article on the website at isawthelightminisities.com/dates.html. Check it out for yourself. Examine the proof. Examine the evidence. Read the verses for yourself.

Count the number of days for yourself, and see if I'm not showing you the truth. And not only Purim and Passover, but even the fulfillment of the Pentecost at the sixth seal, and the fulfillment of the fiesta of trumpets, the Feast of Trumpets, at the blowing of the first trumpet, occurring on that very same day of the holy day that represents the blowing of the trumpets. And every one of these, there's five holy days, the Day of Atonement being another one. So there's your five. It's Purim, Passover, Pentecost, Feast of Trumpets, and the Day of Atonement. Five biblical holy days that if you lay over the timeline and count up the number of days between every one of those over a three and a half period, three and a half year period, then every one of them fall exactly on the exact number of days of what the Bible says for these end time events that symbolize each one of these holy days.

That can't be coincidence when you have five holy days matching up to the very date, to the very day of what the day represents in the end time prophecies in the book of Revelation and Daniel. That cannot be coincidence. That is way, way, way beyond coincidence. If it was only one holy day, then we might could call it coincidence.

But when you get a second holy day, and then a third holy day, and then a fourth one, and then even a fifth holy day, and every one of them is the exact number of days between each end time prophetic event that match the meaning of each day, then it is absolutely impossible to be coincidence, but rather it is God's divine plan.

And that in itself proves that we should be observing Purim and Passover and the Day of Atonement and Pentecost and all these and the Feast of Trumpets and all of God's biblical holy days. Because only if you are observing those days will you be ready and prepared for those same prophetic events represented by those days.

If you are not observing those days, if you are not counting the calendar, if you are not watching the calendar, if you are not observing His biblical feast, then these prophetic events will come upon you the same as they will come upon the blind, the lost, and the wicked.

Unprepared, unprepared. Amen?

And that's a dangerous thing, spiritually and physically. And not only does it prove a significance, but a requirement of observing those days, including Purim, which makes Purim

not a Jewish thing, but a Christian thing.

Because it is not the Jews only, not just the Jews, that should be watching for the end time events. It starts with Purim. It starts with Purim. That starts the 1335 countdown of Daniel 12. So if it starts with Purim, that tells you right there that Purim is not for the Jews only. Because that's something that every Christian and every person on earth should be concerned about, the opening of the fifth seal. Amen?

That's something that every tribe, language, and person on the earth should be concerned about, not the Jews only. Amen?

And in addition to all of this, that also proves God's anointing on this ministry. Because what other ministry is proclaiming this? What other ministry is proclaiming this of the perfect timeline?

I know that some ministries out there have a timeline. It's nothing like this. Nothing like this. And those timelines are not as complete. They're not as perfect. They don't have the significance that this timeline has that does not have the scriptural backing that this timeline has.

That proves that this is the church of God. This is the church of God. Amen? Why would anyone want to throw away their membership in God's church? Even if I have said something to upset you, and even if I have pointed out sin in your life, or even if I have pointed out foolishness that you have embraced, even if I have pointed out false thinking, poor thinking, lack of wisdom, whatever it is that I have pointed out, why would you not want to fight to stay in God's kingdom? Amen?

Why would you not want to fight to stay in? If I was in God's church, if I was in God's favor, if I was in God's kingdom, and I was at threat of being pushed away, what I would do is I would fight to stay in. Instead of allowing myself to be pushed away, I would repent. I would get down on my knees. I would cry out to God to show me the way, to show me the truth, to correct my thinking, to correct my sins, to correct my foolishness, to correct my lack of wisdom, to correct my lack of intelligence, to correct my false thinking and my false doctrine, and to help me to come back in line with the center of God's will and agreement with the church of one faith, of one mind, of one accord with the church.

There is no room for division in God's church. No room for division. We must be united in doctrine. If I am wrong on something, God will handle it. God will correct me Himself, and I will repent and I will correct the teaching. It is not up for the individual members of the church to go their own way and their own direction and their own thinking, their own opinion and their own private interpretations. We are supposed to be united in one faith. Amen.

Purim is significant, and I praise the Lord for helping us to grow in understanding and knowledge about the timeline and the significance.

It's also interesting that when Haman had first done the lots, wrote a letter, it was at Passover time. Let's look at that again. In chapter 1, I guess, chapter 3, give everybody time to get there, Esther 3 verse 12.

So the king's recorders were called in on the first month, on the thirteenth day, as they wrote as Haman commanded to the captions of the provinces. So actually that's the day before Passover. So that's something to consider as well. There's a connection between Purim and Passover, and preparing for Passover and preparing for Purim, the entire season of Purim and Passover, there's connections here.

And there's even more to it on that day's article as well. Now in addition to all this, Purim represents the victories that Jesus gives his people over the wicked. Yes, Haman, the Jew-

haters, were plotting against them, even as the Jew-haters, Putin, Russia, the communists, the Muslim nations, they plotted against Israel, against America, against the British empire, and against the nation of Israel today. But we are promised the ultimate victory.

In the meantime, there will be some battles that we will win, and there will be some battles that we will lose. War is not fought in one day alone.

We will lose some war, we will lose some battles, we will win some battles. There will be ups and downs and ups and downs, absolutely. But God promised us the final victory. We will have, we absolutely will have the final victory. We know that. It is promised. God is faithful.

That is what Purim means to every Christian and every Jew and every Israelite, whether you're a physical Israelite or a spiritual Israelite, that is what Purim should mean to you, is that God promises you the final victory. So you have to put your mind and your focus on the things that are of a positive report.

Even though we, all of us, every one of us struggle in life, we all have our down moments when we're sad, when we're a little bit depressed or frustrated, or whatever we're dealing with, we all have our moments, bad days and good days. That's humanity. That's being a human being. That's life. Amen?

But we get right back up and we get back up on the horse and we get back up on the motorcycle, we get back on the bicycle, we get back up and we carry on and we learn from our lessons and we learn from the bad times and it builds us to be stronger for the next battle. We become battle-hardened. Amen?

We develop that forehead of flint, as the Bible says. We develop a toughness to where we're no longer snowflakes melting in the heat of trial and tribulation.

We're able to handle offense better. We're able to handle the trials and tribulations, the winds and the storms and the tornadoes and hurricanes of spiritual warfare better and stronger.

Just to be fasting all the time and fast and fast and fast and fast and fast and pray and pray and pray and read the Bible, read the Bible, read the Bible, read the...

I'm not against fasting. I'm not against reading the Bible. I'm not against praying. But at the end of the day, it's about attitude. Amen?

It's about saying to yourself, I'm sick and tired of crying. I'm sick and tired of starving myself to death. I'm sick and tired of moping around and weeping and feeling miserable.

I'm going to pull up my pants. I'm going to pull up my garters. I'm going to fasten my belt. I'm going to fasten on that whole armor of God.

I'm going to be a warrior and I'm going to be a conqueror and I'm going to be even better than a conqueror.

And whatever I set my mind to do in the Lord, if it's in the center of God's will, I will be victorious.

God has promised me to win this war. Amen? It's about attitude, boldness, courage, and getting up off your knees and putting your prayers to action. Amen?

You can pray all day, but God already knows everything you could possibly say or ask for.

It's time to get up and do it and do and fulfill your responsibility because God is not going to wave the magic wand or snap His fingers to do everything for you.

He wants all of us to grow up and to subdue the earth and to conquer the earth and to subdue the kingdoms and to conquer the kingdoms, to root up, pull out, to cast down, and build up.

It's up to us to seize the kingdom. Amen? He could have put the Israelites in the land of

Canaan and just destroyed all the Canaanites and the Amorites and all the other people with a plague, with a magic wand, with a snap of a finger.

No, He said go in there and conquer them. He wants us to fight the fight.

You see all these quotes on the internet all the time, social media, saying God will fight for you. Yes, He will.

But the reality is He's going to fight for you inside your muscle.

If you're willing to get up off your knees and stop starving yourself to death all the time and stop crying and stop weeping and stop being depressed and get up and do something about your situation, God will fight for you in your action, in your hands, in your mobility, in your strength.

God will bless and empower you in the battle that you fight. Fighting for you does not mean He's going to slay everybody in front of you before you even get there, but rather He is going to empower you to be the warrior.

That's what it means. You still got to fight. You still have to do your part.

And if you're going to stay starving yourself to death, you ain't going to have much strength to fight. You're going to be too weak to fight.

And if you're crying and weeping all the time, being low and depressed, then you are already defeated.

But you can change. You can get back on your feet and start doing something with your life and start fighting.

And be the victor. Be the winner that God wants you to be. That you have to do it and God will bless you.

And He is faithful that you got to do your part. Amen? Praise God. Praise Jesus.

Okay, chat room is now open for anybody that is registered and signed in. And while you are chatting away, tap, tap, tap, tap, tap. Brother Jared, what have you got?

"I've got an observation I would like to share."

Okay, what have you observed, brother?

"After studying how the books of Esther took place over many years, ten, twelve, fourteen years, we see that on that night the Lord removed sleep from the king and he read the records, he found the record of Mordecai's good deed, which was at least five, maybe ten years old. He must have been really bored that night."

Amen. Amen. Praise God. Praise the Lord. Sometimes, and it's different with different people and different situations, but sometimes when people can't sleep, it's because God wants you to read the Scriptures. Or He wants you to pray for somebody. Make use of your time. Amen? And I would encourage you, when you read the Scriptures, to read them in a real Bible.

That means a paperback Bible, real pages, real pages where you can underline words, circle words, where you can write in notes, where you can turn the page, a real Bible.

Because when you read that Bible only on the Internet or a computer or a phone, it's not the same.

It doesn't have the same energy. It doesn't have the same power.

There is power in reading a real Bible. Everybody needs the paperback version of the Alpha and Omega Bible.

And if you don't have one yet, I'd encourage you to either order it. If you can't order it, then let us know.

And if it is within our power and ability, we'll try to send you a copy if you can't afford it

yourself.

I'm not in this to make the money. Okay? God knows that.

But we do have to live, and the ministry does have to pay bills. The website does cost money. So we do appreciate it when people that are able to, even if they're not able to, there's a biblical command to give tithes. And when people put other people first, whether you're putting the ministry first or some other person first, God will return it.

That is a biblical promise, plain and simple. And God is faithful.

And I have seen that over and over and over and over again. Okay?

I'm not asking for money right now, but I'm trying to lead and guide His people in the biblical commands of what God asks for, of what God commands, of what God instructs us in.

And everything that He instructs us in is important. All of it. Amen.

We are a new covenant church. We do not believe in doing the animal sacrifices for sin.

We do not believe in the circumcision. We do not believe in the clean and unclean meats because the blood of Jesus has taken the place of the animals. He is the Lamb of God.

So His crucifixion, His body on the cross, took the place of those animals.

And now there is no physical separation between the clean and the unclean meats of pigs and cows and chickens and stuff like that. That doesn't exist anymore.

Even as it did not exist when they came off of Noah's ark, God said, everything that moves for you, everything that moves shall be food for you.

But yet when they came on the ark, there was a separation of the clean and unclean meats.

But when they came off the ark, God changed that law.

That law has been changed multiple times back and forth, back and forth, back and forth.

And it was changed again at the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Now of course, though, if anything, rather it's a cow, a chicken, or a taxicab, if there's anything that has a halal mark on it, then it is unclean for us because it has been sacrificed to idols.

And the Council of the New Covenant Church, James and the Council of Elders, said that that is still intact, that that is still important, and Jesus himself said in Revelation 2 and Revelation 3 that that was still important to him, that he does not approve of eating meats sacrificed to idols.

So that's clear that that particular law is still intact.

So a halal mark means that that chicken, or whatever it is, has been sacrificed to a false idol, to a false god, to Allah. And that's not acceptable, and we must absolutely, under the law of God, must boycott that item, that product, that service, that mark of the beast, that is marked if it has a mark present.

I don't care where the ingredients came from, or where those ingredients came from, or where those ingredients come from, I'm only concerned about the mark being present on the product or service. That's very specific, and that is what I'm talking about. Amen? Amen.

Okay. Let me see what is being shared here in the chat room.

Brother Andrew shared that he had a dream.

"I had right before waking up, this was later this year, or last year, I was pushed into my bed suddenly, like the weight of the world was pressing down, and I heard a thundering that seemed global, unless any strong thundering, unlike any strong thundering. And I was, and as I was struggling to open my eyes, I could make out an American flag, waving slowly, with lights underneath, lighting it up, and it panned up towards the sky above."

Amen. Praise God.

So, there was very loud thunder, unlike any other thunder, very loud thunder, and the flag was waving slowly, and it panned up towards the sky.

So, it sounds like it's a symbolism, a prophetic symbolism of distress, of thunder, of war, of battle, of dealing with the United States. Amen.

And we have received multitudes of reports through the years, ever since 2006, and especially ever since 2008, actually, I guess it has been, of people all across the world, of sharing their dreams and their visions about the United States being in a time of war against Russia and China.

Some people in their dreams and visions, they see the Russians, the Russians invading America, other people see the Chinese, and some people see both. It will definitely be both, but some people see only the Russians, because perhaps their neighborhood, their region, will be the Russian troops, while other people see the Chinese, because perhaps their region will have only the Chinese troops.

So, different people in different locations in America.

And this will not be limited to the United States, but also South Korea, Australia, Scotland, England, South Africa, and across the world.

It's going to be a worldwide tribulation and war in World War III. Amen.

Fall along tribal lines and lines of religion.

The Islamic and communist nations against the Israelite nations, America and their allies.

Very clear, very easy to understand these things.

Anything else, Jared?

"Oh, the trumpet."

Okay, thanks. So, before we close, I'm going to try to blow this trumpet. This ram's horn. I don't blow it very often. And I'm pretty wore out after preaching for a long time, so.

[trumpet blows]

Praise Jesus. It's a miracle to get that much air out of these lungs after I have blown all the air out of these lungs over the past couple of hours.

Okay, thank you for listening.

And if you have never contacted me, or if you have not contacted me in a long time, or even if you have not contacted me in the last month, I would appreciate hearing from you.

It encourages me to hear from people, and I do care about what's going on in your life.

I do care about the people, and I feel responsible for the people, which I am responsible for the people.

And I would like to help you with any questions that you may have about the Bible and prophecy and God's will and so forth, and I would like to counsel with you.

And I would like for all of us to grow together closer as brothers and sisters in the Lord, caring about one another and being active in each other's lives, and not thinking of each other as being strangers, and not thinking of each other as being just a computer profile, just somebody in another nation, but rather thinking of each other as people that we love and care about and want to know about, and want to know what's happening in their lives, because that's what you do when you care about somebody.

When you love someone and care about someone, then you want to know what's happening, and you want to hear from them. Amen. That's family. That's what family is, true family.

Amen.

I'm going to let you go, and I'm going to try to get some sunshine on this beautiful Purim day,

and we're going to make a meatloaf and mashed potatoes.

So I'm going to put my wife to work, and she looks very beautiful today, and I'm so blessed to have my brother Jared here as well, and so blessed to have such wonderful brothers and sisters in the Lord.

So I'm going to let you go, and until next time, may Jesus bless you in amazing ways. Amen. And I will see you Saturday. No services tomorrow. I'll see you Saturday.

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