

The Feast of Purim פורים (Lots)

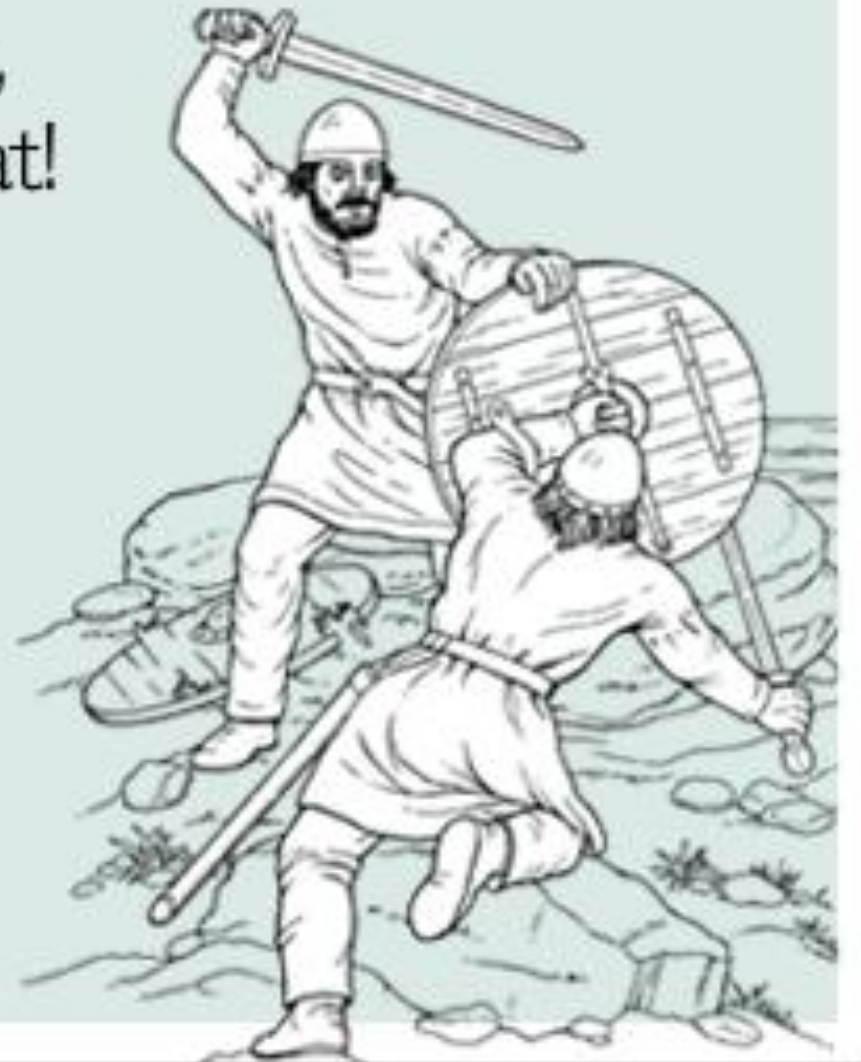


A theme...

They tried to kill us,
we survived, let's eat!

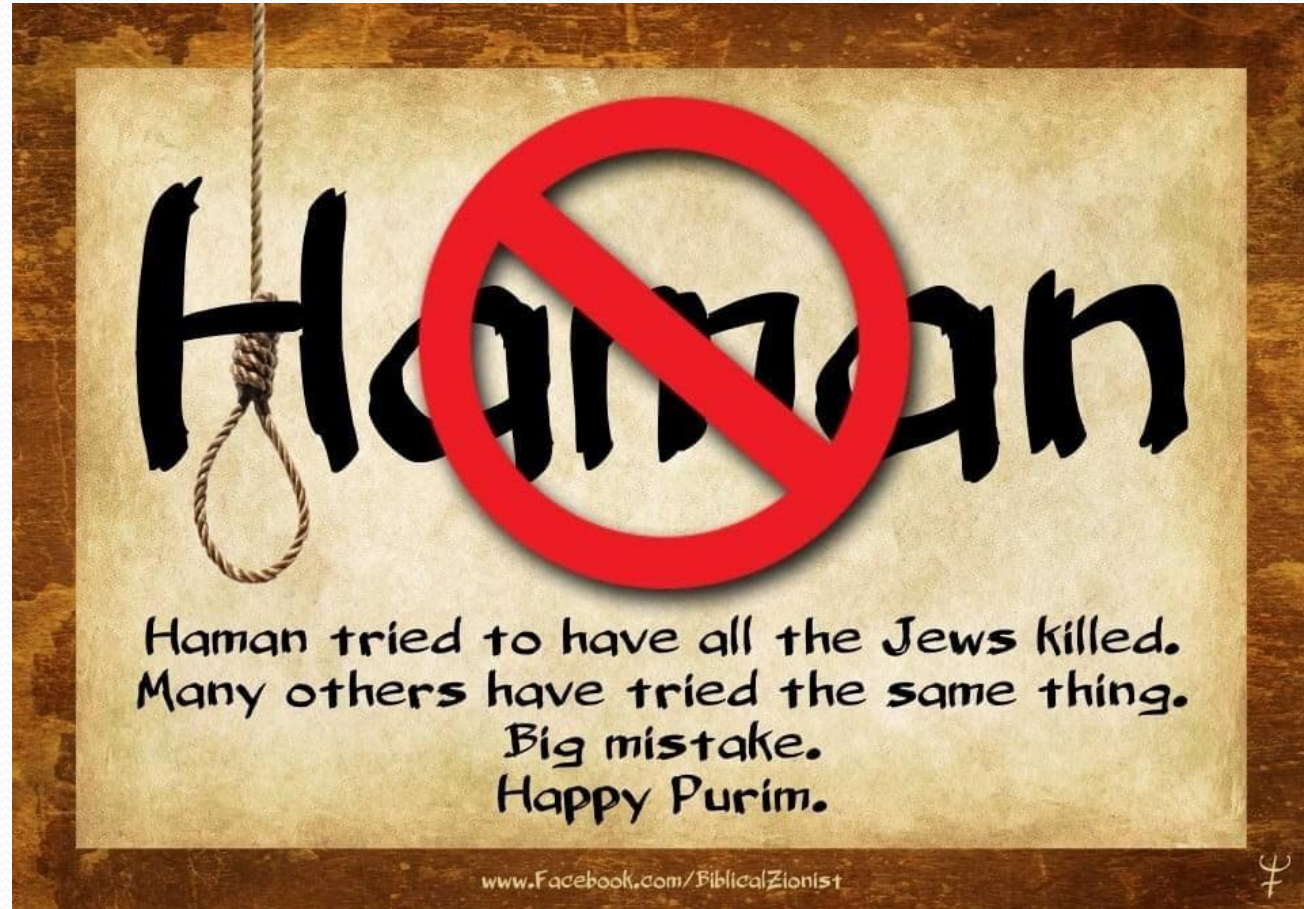
Happy Purim!

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Names...

- Achashverosh (Azehrius) = Xerxes
- Queen Esther (Haddasah) (Cheer!)
- Mordechai (Cheer!!!)
- Haman (Booo!!!)



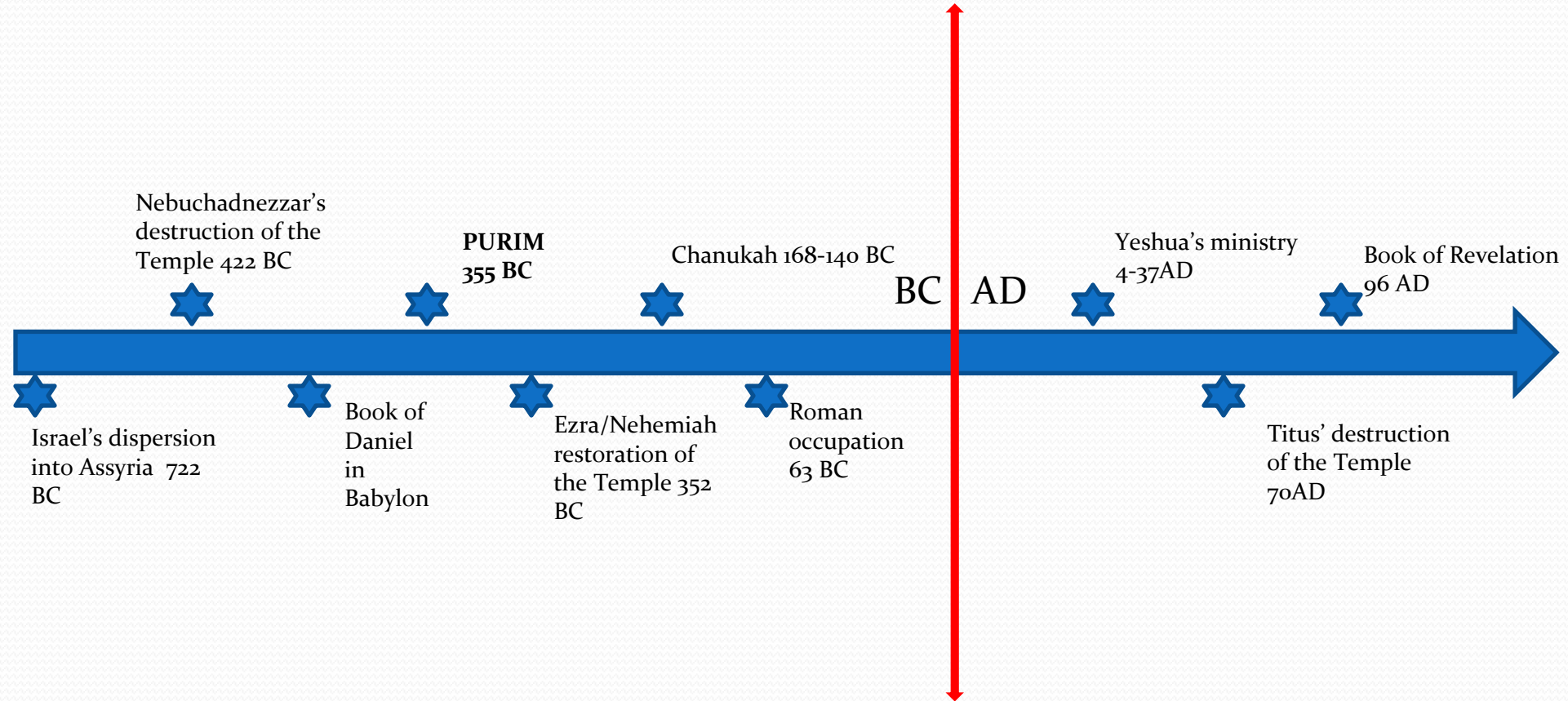
Casting “purim” or lots...

- The name is derived from Haman’s (BOOO) intentions...

Ester 9:24 because Haman the son of Hamdata the Agagi, the enemy of the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them and had thrown pur (that is, "cast lots") to crush and destroy them;

- Casting lots is a biblical thing to do when you want Elohim’s hand in the decision, in many places it was commanded to do so. Thus the “Hand” of Elohim was in the decision Haman made against the Jews
- *Casting Lots [Lev 16:8; Jos 18:6; Jos 18:8; Jos 18:10; Jdg 20:9; 1Sa 14:42; 1Ch 24:31; 1Ch 25:8; 1Ch 26:13; 1Ch 26:14; Neh 10:34; Neh 11:1; Es 3:7; Est 9:24; Pro 16:33; Pro 18:18; Eze 24:6; Joe 3:3; Oba 1:11; Jon 1:7; Nah 3:10; Act 1:26;]*

Timeline...



Prophetic timing

- 430 years ***Genesis 15: 13-21*** and ***Exodus 12:40-42***
- Babylonian Exile 70 years ***Jer 25:11-12, 29:10, Dan 9:2 & Lev 26:18-28***
- No Israel for the Maccabees to defend
- No Israeli state or people for Messiah to be born into!

Prophetic timing

- Judah ends up repenting, and seventy years after the exile returns to Jerusalem, and rebuilds the Temple as described in the book of Nehemiah and Ezra. Their return fulfilled the timeline of Daniel and today we celebrate that fulfillment of prophecy as Chanukah!
- Without the Miracle of Purim, there is no Israel for the Maccabees to fight for. Without the miracle of the military win through Channukah and the Maccabees there **is no Israel for a Messiah to be born into!**
- Satan did his best to eliminate Israel prior to Messiah's coming and failed in both attempts by Gods miraculous saving power...
- ***Rev 12:13-17** When the dragon saw that he had been hurled down to the earth, he went in pursuit of the woman who had given birth to the male child. But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle, so that she could fly to her place in the desert, where she is taken care of for a season and two seasons and half a season, away from the serpent's presence. The serpent spewed water like a river out of its mouth after the woman, in order to sweep her away in the flood; but the land came to her rescue — it opened its mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon had spewed out of its mouth. The dragon was infuriated over the woman and went off to fight the rest of her children, those who obey God's commands and bear witness to Yeshua.*

Today's prophetic timeline of Israel...

• **Ezek 4:3-5** *Then take an iron griddle and put it in place as a wall of iron between yourself and the city, and fix your gaze on it — the city is under siege, and you are the one besieging it. This will be a sign for the house of Isra'el. "Next, you are to lie on your left side, and have it bear the guilt of the house of Isra'el — for as many days as you lie on your side, you will bear their guilt. For I am assigning you **one day for each year** of their guilt; thus you are to bear the guilt of the house of Isra'el for 390 days.*

- No repentance = x7 **Lev 26:19-28**
- $390 \times 7 = \underline{2,730}$ years of punishment...

Rabbinic Influence

- Purim took place when rabbinic literature was beginning to flourish (Hillel II calendar was developed during this time), also the absence of the tetragrammaton (*YHWH*) shows rabbinic influence. Also, there are things written in NOTARIKON (code).
- The Name *YHWH* appears in NOTARIKON in numerous places:
- (See **Ester 1:20** *YHWH* Backwards, **5:4** *YHWH* Backwards, **5:13** *YHWH* Backwards, **7:7** *YHWH* Forwards, and **7:5** “I Am”).
- Torah Notarikon usage... Every 50th Letter: *YHWH*> Leviticus <*YHWH*

Double Yods:

- **Double yods:**
- “Yehudim” יהודים (32 times spelled normally)
- “Yehudim” יהודים (6 times with a double yud).
- (Ester 4:7, 8:1, 8:7, 8:13, 9:15, & 9:18)
- “Yod” represents a hand, as in Ya- achov [Jacob] (means, Hand on heel) The double Yod in these instances represents the “Hand” of Elohim working, “hidden” in the background for the salvation of the Jews.
- This is why it is customary to wear a disguise during Purim, because *YHWH* hand was “hidden” working in the background, as was Queen Esther (whose name means hidden) whose identity hidden before Haman and the King.
- So, the notion that Elohim has to “fix” the Jews before He can do a work in them is false! He did these things for His namesake because He is faithful to His covenants!
- This was the case in 1948 when the Jewish state of Israel was founded!

Let's read *Megillat Ester* ...

- *Est 1:1-16*
- *Est 2:5-17*
- *Est 3:1-10*
- *Est 4:6-17*
- *Est 6:1-12*
- *Est 7*
- *Est 8:1-8*
- *Est 9:16-22*

Hidden for the Salvation of Israel!



- Joseph > Zaphnath-Paneach
- Hadassah > Esther
- Yeshua > Jesus

Gen 42:8 So Yosef recognized his brothers, but they didn't recognize him.

Est 2:10 Ester did not disclose her people or family ties, because Mordekhai had instructed her not to tell anyone.

Zech 12:10b and they will look to me, whom they pierced

Biblical connections and themes

- Names, both were “Hidden” in pagan culture
- As soon as they enter the palace both Joseph and Hadassah ‘lose’ the name that identifies them with the Jewish/Israelite People. While Joseph’s Egyptian name and dress are given to him by Pharaoh, Esther arrives with her non-Jewish name (a variation of the goddess Ishtar.) From this point on she will no longer maintain her Jewish name – Hadassah.
- Joseph = Tzafnat-Pa`neach
- In Hebrew it is related to “Zephaniah” “Yah has hidden” Paneach = “face”
- Hadassah = Esther “Secret or Hidden”
- Root is Ashtara = Ashtarot, Ishtar, Easter.

Biblical connections and themes

- Both Joseph and Mordecai were second in command...

Gen 41:39-44 So Pharaoh said to Yosef, "Since Elohim has shown you all this — there is no one as discerning and wise as you — you will be in charge of my household; all my people will be ruled by what you say. **Only when I rule from my throne will I be greater than you.**" Pharaoh said to Yosef, "Here, I place you in charge of the whole land of Egypt." Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Yosef's hand, had him clothed in fine linen with a gold chain around his neck and had him ride in his second best chariot; and they cried before him, "Bow down!" Thus he placed him in charge of the whole land of Egypt. Pharaoh said to Yosef, "I, Pharaoh, decree that without your approval no one is to raise his hand or his foot in all the land of Egypt."

Est 10:1-3 King Achashverosh laid tribute on the land, the coasts and the islands. All the acts of his power and might, along with a full account of the high honor to which the king advanced Mordekhai, are written in the Annals of the Kings of Media and Persia. **For Mordekhai the Jew was second only to King Achashverosh;** he was a great man among the Jews, popular with all his many countrymen. He sought the good of his people and interceded for the welfare of all their descendants.

Biblical connections and themes

- Preservation of Israel
- In Egypt from famine, and in Persia/Babylon from Haman's plot

Gen 45:5-8 But don't be sad that you sold me into slavery here or angry at yourselves, because it was Elohim who sent me ahead of you to preserve life. The famine has been over the land for the last two years, and for yet another five years there will be neither plowing nor harvest. **Elohim sent me ahead of you to ensure that you will have descendants on earth and to save your lives in a great deliverance.** So it was not you who sent me here, but Elohim; and he has made me a father to Pharaoh, lord of all his household and ruler over the whole land of Egypt.

Est 4:12-16 Upon being told what Ester had said, Mordekhai asked them to give Ester this answer: "Don't suppose that merely because you happen to be in the royal palace you will escape any more than the other Jews. **For if you fail to speak up now, relief and deliverance will come to the Jews from a different direction;** but you and your father's family will perish. **Who knows whether you didn't come into your royal position precisely for such a time as this.**" Ester had them return this answer to Mordekhai: "Go, assemble all the Jews to be found in Shushan, and have them fast for me, neither eating nor drinking for three days, night and day; also I and the girls attending me will fast the same way. Then I will go in to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish."

Biblical connections and themes

- **Exo 13:19** Moshe took the bones of Yosef with him, for Yosef had made the people of Isra'el swear an oath when he said, " Elohim will certainly remember you; and you are to carry my bones up with you, away from here." (See **Gen 50:24-25** & **Heb 11:22**)
- **Ezra 2:1-2** Here is a list of the people of the province who had been exiled, carried off to Bavel by N'vukhadnetzar king of Bavel, but who later returned from exile and went up to Yerushalayim and Y'hudah, each to his own city; they went with Z'rubavel, Yeshua, Nechemyah, S'rayah, Re`elyah, Mordekhai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rechum and Ba`anah. The number of men from the people of Isra'el:
- (Read **Mat 1:12-14** The lineage of the Messiah returns from Haman's hand to the land of Israel!)

Biblical connections and themes

- **Exodus 14:13-14** – God’s Deliverance Through Miraculous Intervention

"Moses answered the people, 'Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.'"

Comparison to Purim: Just as the Israelites faced annihilation at the Red Sea but were miraculously saved, the Jews in Persia were on the brink of destruction but were divinely rescued through Esther and Mordecai’s intervention.

- **Esther 9:1** – The Theme of Reversal

"On the very day when the enemies of the Jews had hoped to gain the mastery over them, the reverse occurred, and the Jews gained mastery over those who hated them."

- *Comparison to the Exodus: Just as Pharaoh's army, which sought to destroy the Israelites, was ultimately drowned in the Red Sea, Haman’s plan was overturned, leading to his downfall and the triumph of the Jewish people. Both stories highlight God's hidden hand in reversing the fate of His people.*

Gods Good Purposes

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Gen 50:19-21 But Yosef said to them, "Don't be afraid! Am I in the place of God? You meant to do me harm, but God meant it for good — so that it would come about as it is today, **with many people's lives being saved**. So don't be afraid — I will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he comforted them, speaking kindly to them.

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some people think of slowness; on the contrary, he is patient with you; **for it is not his purpose that anyone should be destroyed, but that everyone should turn from his sins.**

Haman and the Amalekites

- Haman the “Agigite” ...
 - *Est 3:1 Some time later King Achashverosh began to single out Haman the son of Hamdata the Agagi for advancement; eventually he gave him precedence over all his fellow officers*
- The problem is, there is no such thing as an “AGAGITE” and it would appear that the Amalikites were destroyed before the book of Esther!
- Here we find more rabbinic influence in the book, the term is understood to be an ethnonym, meaning a name given by the Jews to describe the Amalekites whose king was Agag... And liken Haman to them.
- What’s being told to us here is that Haman (even if not a physical descendant) had the spirit of Amalek in him. (Hitler, Sinwar etc...)

Blot his name out (Boo!!!)

Deut 25:17-19 "Remember what `Amalek did to you on the road as you were coming out of Egypt, how he met you by the road, attacked those in the rear, those who were exhausted and straggling behind when you were tired and weary. He did not fear Elohim. Therefore, when YHWH your Elohim has given you rest from all your surrounding enemies in the land YHWH your Elohim is giving you as your inheritance to possess, you are to **blot out all memory of `Amalek from under heaven. Don't forget!**

1Sam 15:32-33 Then Sh'mu'el said, "**Bring Agag the king of `Amalek here to me. Agag came to him in chains and said, "Without doubt, mine will be a bitter death." Sh'mu'el said, "Just as your sword has left women childless, so will your mother be left childless among women."**

Then Sh'mu'el cut Agag in pieces before YHWH in Gilgal.

See **Num 24:5-9** Our King is above Agag!

Edom and Amalek *Gen 36:12-16*

- Edom and Amalek join in destruction... (Amalek is Esau's Grandson – **Gen 36:12**)

Num 24:17-22 "I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not soon — a star will step forth from Ya`akov, a scepter will arise from Isra'el, to crush the corners of Mo'av and destroy all descendants of Shet. **His enemies will be his possessions — Edom and Se`ir, possessions.** Isra'el will do valiantly, From Ya`akov will come someone who will rule, and he will destroy what is left of the city." He saw `Amalek and made this pronouncement: "**First among nations was `Amalek, but destruction will be its end.**" He saw the Keini and made this pronouncement: "Though your dwelling is firm, your nest set on rock, Kayin will be wasted while captive to Ashur."

Isa 34:5-17 "For my sword has drunk its fill in heaven; **now it descends on Edom to judge them**, the people I have doomed to destruction." There is a sword that belongs to YHWH. It is filled with blood.... For by his own mouth he gave the order, and by his Spirit he brought them together. **It is he who cast the lot** (Purim) **for them**, his hand measured out their shares. They will possess it forever, and live there through all generations.

- See also **Amos 9:11-12, Isaiah 63:1-6 & Malachi 1:4** (Who is Edom? **Rom 11** & **Psa 137:4-9**)

Justice, Torah style!!!

- ***Est 7:10-7 So they hanged Haman on the gallows he had prepared for Mordekhai.***
Then the king's anger subsided. They put to death the ten sons of Haman the son of Hamdata, the enemy of the Jews — Parshandata, Dalfon, Aspata, Porata, Adalya, Aridata, Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai and Vaizata. But they did not touch the spoil.
- ***Deut 19:16-19 "If a malicious witness comes forward and gives false testimony against someone, then both the men involved in the controversy are to stand before YHWH, before the cohanim and the judges in office at the time. The judges are to investigate carefully. If they find that the witness is lying and has given false testimony against his brother, you are to do to him what he intended to do to his brother. In this way, you will put an end to such wickedness among you.***

Hamans 10 Sons and the Nazis

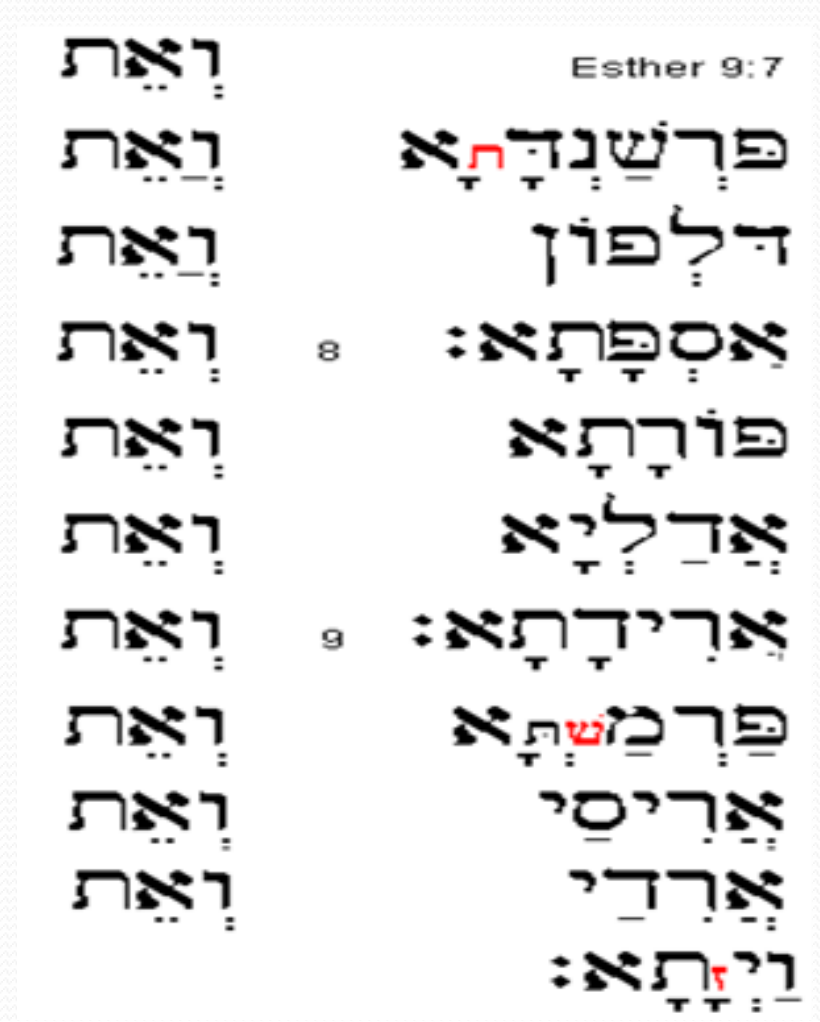
- An interesting dialogue takes place between Queen Esther and Achashverosh...

Est 9:12-14 And the king said unto Ester the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the castle, and the ten sons of Haman. What then have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? Now whatever your petition, it shall be granted you, and whatever your request further, it shall be done. Then said Ester, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews that are in Shushan, to do tomorrow also, according unto this day's decree: and let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows. And the king commanded it so to be done, and a decree was given out in Shushan: and they hanged Haman's ten sons.

- She requests to hang Hamans already dead sons!

Hamans 10 Sons and the Nazis

- Esther's request seems odd. The ten sons of Haman had already been killed, why bother to hang them?
- In the writings of the Rabbis and the Midrashim, we find several thoughts that could elaborate on this:
- On the word "tomorrow," in Esther's request, the Rabbis comment:
- "There is a tomorrow that is now, and a tomorrow which is later." (Tanchuma Bo 13 and Rashi on **Exodus 13:14**).
- In other words, there is a possibility that Esther was prophesying about the hanging of Haman's ten sons as a future event.. Lets look at the original Hebrew of the Book of Ester...we can clearly see, at first glance, that the list of Haman's sons appears on a separate page, written in a prominent, special manner:
- The left-hand column contains the word v'et (and) ten times. The word v'et is used to denote replication. Thus you could conclude that another ten people are also to be hung in addition to Haman's ten sons.
- 10 Crowns/Kings **Rev 12:3, 13:1 & 17:12** (Antiochus)



Hamans 10 Sons and the Nazis

- It should be noted Adolf Hitler banned the observance of Purim, declaring it a capital offense to possess a copy of the Book of Esther. In a speech made on November 10, 1938, (the day after kristallnacht), A prominent Nazi named **Julius Streicher** said that just as "the Jew butchered 75,000 Persians" in one night, the same fate would have befallen the German people had the Jews succeeded in inciting a war against Germany; the "Jews would have instituted a new Purim festival in Germany."
- As a matter of fact many of the Nazi attacks against Jews often coincided with Purim. **On Purim 1942**, ten Jews were hanged in Zduńska Wola supposedly to avenge the hanging of Haman's ten sons. In a similar incident in 1943, the Nazis shot 10 Jews from the Piotrków ghetto. **On Purim** eve that same year, over 100 Jewish doctors and their families were shot by the Nazis in Czestochowa. The following day, Jewish doctors were taken from Radom and shot nearby in Szydłowiec.
- In an apparent connection made by Hitler between his Nazi regime and the role of Haman, he stated in a speech made on January 30, 1944, that if the Nazis were defeated, the Jews could celebrate "**a second Purim**".
- Amazingly, this outcome is hinted at in the Book of Esther!

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The Seven “Beasts” Revelation 17:1-11

1. Egypt – Pharaoh (likely Ramses II or another Pharaoh of the Exodus)

- Enslaved the Israelites and refused to let them go, leading to the events of the Exodus under Moses.

2. Assyria – Tiglath-Pileser III, Sargon II, or Sennacherib

- Conquered the northern kingdom of Israel (Samaria) in 722 BC and scattered the ten tribes.

3. Babylon – Nebuchadnezzar II

- Destroyed Jerusalem and the First Temple in 586 BC and took the Jews into captivity.

4. Medo-Persia – Haman (under King Xerxes I/Ahasuerus)

- Although Persia allowed the Jews to return to their land, Haman attempted a genocide against the Jews (Book of Esther).

5. Greece – Antiochus IV Epiphanes

- Defiled the Second Temple by sacrificing a pig on the altar (167 BC) and severely persecuted Jewish religious practices (leading to the Maccabean Revolt).

6. Rome – Caesar & General Titus (and earlier, Nero)

- Titus destroyed the Second Temple in 70 AD, while Nero initiated Christian persecution (which also affected Jewish believers in Christ).

7. Ottoman Empire (or a Future Empire?) – Suleiman the Magnificent (or a future Antichrist leader?)

- The Ottoman Empire controlled Jerusalem for centuries, but some interpretations suggest that the seventh beast empire may refer to a future revived empire (potentially an Islamic Caliphate or another global power aligned against Israel).

Those who hate Israel

- As Israel's enemies continue in hatred, God's plan prevails!
- So, this year enjoy some Hamantaschen!
- Then try some....

• Adolf Hitler-taschen



• Yahya Sinwar-taschen Eliminated October 16 2024



• Ismail Haniyeh-taschen Eliminated July 31 2024



• Hassan Nasrallah-taschen Eliminated September 27 2024



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