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Haman was hanged & his place given to Mordecai when King Ahasuerus discovered he was duped into signing a decree to destroy the Jews at the same time Esther reveals that she herself is of Jewish descent.

Edicts by [Law of Medes & Persians](#) are irrevocable--can't be changed so the slaughter of Jews was eminent. Esther's wisdom prevailed upon the king in making a new decree enabling the Jews to fight back, defend themselves & counter attack those who seek to destroy their lives.

This began the Feast of Purim 17-32 held 14,15 of Adar 12th month Feb-Mar which the Jews celebrate today.

1 Now in the twelfth month, that is, the month of Adar, on the thirteenth day, the time came for the king's command and his decree to be executed. On the day that the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, the opposite occurred, in that the Jews themselves overpowered those who hated them. 2 The Jews gathered together in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus to lay hands on those who sought their harm. And no one could withstand them, because fear of them fell upon all people. 3 And all the officials of the provinces, the satraps, the governors, and all those doing the king's work, helped the Jews, because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them. 4 For Mordecai was great in the king's palace, and his fame spread throughout all the provinces; for this man Mordecai became increasingly prominent. 5 Thus the Jews defeated all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, with slaughter and destruction, and did what they pleased with those who hated them.

Two decrees one designed to destroy the Jews the other enabling the Jews to defend themselves and retaliate against their aggressors. Enemy relied upon sheer numbers & Jews relied upon the goodness of their God & justice of their cause

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together" is a famous [African proverb](#) that highlights the power of teamwork

Anticipation & organization Jews rallied the troops & turned tables overpowering enemies. God's weapon of fear was put in hearts of the adversaries.

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Jdg 7:11 Gideon w/ Purah---8:17; 9:2 God uses fear to weaken the enemy.

Jacob Gen 35:5 God's terror tool for defeat. Rahab admitted to the two spies sent out from Joshua to Jericho Joshua 2:8-11 *the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you.*

What is it in the church today that might cause world to be in awe? **The Church pure is church powerful.** NT *But if all prophesy, & an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, 25 the secrets of his heart are disclosed, & so, falling on his face, he will worship God & declare that God is really among you.* 1Cor 14:24,25

3 Mordecai so revered that princes, deputies, governors & officers of the kings helped the Jews. Reputation of those who lead the church is a powerful tool in hands of God BG or in the hands of Satan. Last days church according to Rev3:14-17

Haman's people Amalekites doing his deeds reaping consequences
Ez14:10 those who follow false prophet receive same judgment.

6 And in Shushan the citadel the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men. 7 Also Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha, 8 Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha, 9 Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai, and Vajezatha 10 the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews—they killed; but they did not lay a hand on the plunder. 11 On that day the number of those who were killed in Shushan the citadel was brought to the king. 12 And the king said to Queen Esther, “The Jews have killed and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the citadel, and the ten sons of Haman. What have they done in the rest of the king’s provinces? Now what is your petition? It shall be granted to you. Or what is your further request? It shall be done.” 13 Then Esther said, “If it pleases the king, let it be granted to the Jews who are in Shushan to do again tomorrow according to today’s decree, and let Haman’s ten sons be hanged on the gallows.” 14 So the king commanded this to be done; the decree was issued in Shushan, and they hanged Haman’s ten sons. 15 And the Jews who were in Shushan gathered together again on the fourteenth day of the month of Adar and killed three hundred men at Shushan; but they did not lay a hand on the plunder. 16 The remainder of the Jews in the king’s provinces gathered together and protected their lives, had rest from their enemies, and killed seventy-five thousand of their enemies; but they did not lay a hand on the plunder. 17 This was on the thirteenth day of the month of Adar. And on the fourteenth of the month they rested 7 made it a day of feasting & gladness.

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Enemy is brazen and attacks in Shushan city where Esther & Mordecai live out of rage for their hero Haman--dead & hanging on gallows. Ten sons of Haman killed & now hanging on Haman's gallows as a curse & warning.

Feast of Purim 10 names read in one breath celebrate all died at once.

Esther's request 12,13 not out of spite but **strategic**--Haman's greatest supporters were in the city & had bowed in honor to him thruout. In other parts 75,000 killed in one day 127 provinces--Jews were greatly outnumbered. Yet they did not take any spoil of enemy—defiled-corrupted-despised—reminder Saul takes spoil of Amalek **1Sam 15:12-23** & judged.

Huge victory for the Jews 500 attackers killed along w/ 10 sons of Haman but they would not take the plunder

The Chaldee Aramaic paraphrase says that none appeared against the Jews but Amalekites only, who were infatuated, and had their hearts hardened, as Pharaoh's against Israel, to take up arms to their own destruction

***18**But the Jews who were at Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth day, as well as on the fourteenth; and on the fifteenth o the month they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. **19** Therefore the Jews of the villages who dwelt in the unwallled towns celebrated the fourteenth day of the month of Adar with gladness and feasting, as a holiday, and for sending presents to one another. **20** And Mordecai wrote these things and sent letters to all the Jews, near and far, who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, **21** to establish among them that they should celebrate yearly the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Adar, **22** as the days on which the Jews had rest from their enemies, as the month which was turned from sorrow to joy for them, and from mourning to a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and joy, of sending presents to one another and gifts to the poor. **23** So the Jews accepted the custom which they had begun, as Mordecai had written to them, **24** because Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to annihilate them, and had cast Pur that is, the lot, to consume them and destroy them; **25** but when Esther came before the king, he commanded by letter that this wicked plot which Haman had devised against the Jews should return on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows. **26** So they called these days Purim, after the name Pur. Therefore,*

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because of all the words of this letter, what they had seen concerning this matter, and what had happened to them, 27 the Jews established and imposed it upon themselves and their descendants and all who would join them, that without fail they should celebrate these two days every year, according to the written instructions and according to the prescribed time, 28 that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city, that these days of Purim should not fail to be observed among the Jews, and that the memory of them should not perish among their descendants. 29 Then Queen Esther, the daughter of Abihail, with Mordecai the Jew, wrote with full authority to confirm this second letter about Purim. 30 And Mordecai sent letters to all the Jews, to the one hundred and twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, with words of peace and truth, 31 to confirm these days of Purim at their appointed time, as Mordecai the Jew and Queen Esther had prescribed for them, and as they had decreed for themselves and their descendants concerning matters of their fasting and lamenting. 32 So the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim, and it was written in the book.

Israel established traditions that never lets generations forget—**Gilgal-Tabernacles-Passover**. For the Christian **Easter, Christmas**; USA **Memorial day** May 25 3pm 1minute 340mil. *Tradition is the living faith of the dead, traditionalism is the dead faith of the living.*

Jews in provinces finished fighting on 13 Adar March & next day celebrated. Jews in Shushan still fighting on 14th & celebrated 15th. Jews defeated their enemies but at different times so Mordecai declared celebration of Purim on both day 14,15. :20-22

Jews celebrate today w/ fast 13th vs 31 when Haman issued his wicked decree 3:12. In synagogue book Esther read & when Haman's name read all cry out '**may he be accursed**' kid bring noise makers when Haman read. 14th Jews go to synagogue book Esther read again prayer follows, Ex 17:8-16 read Moses & Amalek-arms raised --Jews go home & festive holiday meal, gifts given continues next day also gifts & food given to poor & needy w/ much rejoicing.

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Purim plural from Babylonian pur 'lot' Haman casting to determine day of Jewish annihilation 9:24; 3:7. Emphasis on teaching the children so not forget. Powerful to see the hand of God working in a nation to establish and sustain it. Intended result is dedication to God & His purposes

Second letter of confirmation sent for peace & truth :30 as divisions easily happen in times like these.

1And King Ahasuerus imposed tribute on the land and on the islands of the sea. 2Now all the acts of his power and his might, and the account of the greatness of Mordecai, to which the king advanced him, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia? 3For Mordecai the Jew was second to King Ahasuerus, and was great among the Jews and well received by the multitude of his brethren, seeking the good of his people and speaking peace to all his countrymen.

Mordecai used his office to serve the king & the people. Not a politician who will do anything to stay in office but a statesman who does what is right no matter what the cost.

God's behind the scene providence working in the lives of believers for their good & in the world bringing about His ultimate purposes & plan for mankind.

Next week Book of Daniel