12th MONTH: "ADAR" (mid-Feb thru mid-Mar)



Purpose: Feast of Purim/ (Cast Lots) details the events in the book of Esther/ Hadassah concerning the scattered Yahudiym /Hebrew Israelite Nation, (those that had not returned to Jerusalem) who after the Babylonian captivity had *not* lost their identity as a people, but now under the Persians Empire controlled by King Ahasuerus (whose empire stretched across 127 Provinces from India thru Ethiopia-Sudan (Africa) and from Turkey thru Arabia, including Jerusalem) will come to face persecution and planned genocide, through a vindictive decree orchestrated by the Empire's prime minister, an Agagite named Haman.

Haman who was an Israelite-hating descendant of the Amalekite. He had been appointed by King Ahasuerus to be prime minister in his Persian Empire. Haman plotted and issued a decree, that all Hebrew Israelites should be killed.

Mordecai (from tribe of Benjamin), who was Queen Hadassah uncle and also him being in a leadership/authority position of the Israelites in the city of Shushan, became aware of the looming genocide decree. This dire situation led to Hadassah, Mordecai and the Hebrew Israelites that were scattered throughout the provinces coming together in fasting, praying and crying out to *YAHUAH* for their deliverance and salvation.

Feast: YASHAR'EL'S FEAST OF PURIM (Also known as LOTS)

Number of days Feast of Purim is observed: 2

(Feast of Purim: Ref Esther 9:21-22)
"To stablish this among themdays of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor."

How to Celebrate



Old Testament Book of Esther. (Chapter 1-10)

Esther 9: 19, "fourteenth day of the month Adar a day of gladness and feasting, and a good day, and of sending portions one to another"

Hadassah was originally taken in custody along with other maidens into the King's palace when he was seeking a replacement to his 1st Oueen. Hadassah's presence pleased the King and after becoming a Queen, Hadassah remained humbled, kept her Israelite Cultural identity, was obedient and considered her uncle/parent Mordecai's counsel. Also Hadassah knew Israel history of fasting and praying as a nation (Reference JUDITH 4:13) and had wisdom in addressing the king with humility and tact. YAHUAH then intervened and used Hadassah and Mordecai in Israel's deliverance from their oppressors.

Feast of Purim/ Lots (Symbolically & Physically)

Feast of Purim is the coming together in remembrance, celebration, praise and worship to *YAHUAH* our *Almighty Elohiym*, after fasting, praying and crying out to *Him* for our deliverance.

<u>Prior to Purim</u> feast day, we are encourage to examine ourselves in the **WORD**, fast, pray and cry out to **YAHUAH** for each other in the **Remnant Nation of Yashar'el** and for ourselves.

Remember that YAHUAH has given us Deliverance & Salvation in Yahusha Hamashiach our King, Redeemer and Eternal Highpriest.

Remember YAHUAH'S promises that he will again deliver Yashar'el that are scattered in these foreign lands/ Wicked system.

Remember the poor in the **House of Yashar'el** by identifying and assisting with genuine/legit needs on the days leading up to the Purim.

<u>Celebrate</u> on the feast days with prayer, praise and worship to YAHUAH in joy and gladness for our Deliverance & Salvation from our enemies.

Esther 4: 15-17, "Then Esther bade them return Mordekai this answer, go, gather together all the Yahudiym that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. So Mordekai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him."

Hadassah's name in Hebrew mean myrtle tree which is a symbol of Israel. Also, the Hebrew Alef-Beth letters of her name give a picture of "Behold the Door, to reveal the pathway to enter, to protect-shield". Hadassah as an orphan, therefore shows a representation of Israel as a nation that is orphan without her mother Jerusalem, which had been trodden down and a nation fallen away from her Father's Covenant.