

# Honor The Culture of The Kingdom:

## Honoring The Faith of Past Believers

### Part 2

*KJV Romans 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*

**We can learn from the faith of those who lived before us, how they faced their challenges and got the victory can give us hope and comfort in tuff times!**

It seems the younger generation doesn't care how their parents and grandparents used their faith and made it through tough times.

They don't need any wisdom because they can do it themselves!

**It's not the smartest decision in the world to try and climb a mountain someone else has already climbed and not ask them the best route!**

**It's the same thing with our faith walk, someone has walked where you now walk and gotten the victory, it would be easier for us to look at their lives.**

*KJV Hebrews 13:7 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: **whose faith follow**, considering the end of their conversation.*

The world has deceived many into following famous people, man-made (pagan) holidays and sports events; ignoring the faith building holy days in the Bible.

One holiday is called **Purim** (poor-eem)! **Purim** means "lots" it's the Jewish festival celebrating their deliverance from **Haman**.

**Purim** starts this evening and ends tomorrow! In Hebrew this is the month of **Adar** it is known as the month of **celebration and joy**.

Because it is the **season of miracles!** **Adar** is related to *adir* which means **strength and power!**

During the reign of Xerxes king of Persia **Haman** (second in command) wanted to destroy **all of Israel** (The Kingdom of God) on earth at that time, because he hated **Mordecai** the man who raised **Esther**.

**Haman** hated Mordecai because he wouldn't bow before him like everyone else.

**Haman's** name means "magnificent" and so he thought he was!

**Because he was a superstitious man Haman threw dice or cast lots, which were small pebbles to decide what day to massacre all the Jews. (Esther 9:24)**

**Pur** or **Purim** (poor-eem) means “lots”!

❖ **Purim is about the power of small things**, little things that can change history

*GWN Psalm 37:16 The little that the righteous person has is better than the wealth of many wicked people.*

*Pro 15:16 Better is a little with the fear of the LORD, Than great treasure and turmoil with it.*

*ESV Job 8:7 And though your beginning was small, your latter days will be very great.*

**It’s about how God takes little things, the small things, foolish things and does great things with them!**

*ESV 1 Corinthians 1:25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.*

*27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;*

❖ **Purim is the season the weak become stronger and the poor say I am rich!**

*Psalm 35:10 All my bones shall say, "O LORD, who is like you, delivering the weak from him who is too strong for him, the poor and needy from him who robs him?"*

*Psa 18:17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, And from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.*

*Psa 34:6 This poor man cried and the LORD heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles.*

*Psa 40:17 Since I am afflicted and needy, Let the Lord be mindful of me; Thou art my help and my deliverer; Do not delay, O my God.*

Mordecai told Esther to intercede with the king for the Jews, which she did at great risk. In the process the king found out it was Mordecai who uncovered an assassination plot against him and he had never been rewarded for it.

He told Haman there was a man in his kingdom who deserved great honor, and he asked Haman’s recommendation on how to honor this man.

The self-absorbed Haman assumed it was he who was to be honored, and he recommended a great triumphal procession with the honoree dressed in royal robes.

Haman's enraged and humiliated when he realized it was Mordecai rather than himself who was to be honored, and he was to be the host!

Soon after Esther convinced Xerxes the Jews were innocent of Haman's charges and Haman had plotted to kill the hero Mordecai.

When Haman found out all his plans had backfired, he threw himself at Esther's feet to beg for her mercy.

Just as he did so the king came in and thought Haman was attacking the queen.

He immediately sentenced Haman to death, and he was hanged on the very gallows he had erected for Mordecai.

The king placed Mordecai in Haman's place as the highest among the nobles and gave the Jews permission to slaughter all who had plotted with Haman.

They did so on the exact date they themselves were to be slaughtered.

**The very date Haman cast lots to determine when Israel would be destroyed is the very day he and his co-conspirators were destroyed.**

**This is why this is considered a Season of Miracles!**

**It's a season of Divine Reversals!** What the devil meant for evil God is turning...

**Everything your enemies meant for you will happen to them!**

- What looked like a **disaster** will turn out to be **good fortune!**
- What looded like **failure** will turn out to be a **great success!**
- What looked like a **bad ending** is going to become a **great beginning!**

*KJV Isaiah 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.*

*KJV Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

*GWN **Hebrews 12:1** Since we are surrounded by so many examples of faith, we must get rid of everything that slows us down, especially sin that distracts us. We must run the race that lies ahead of us and never give up.*