



Truth Nuggets Purim & Iran

Esther is the only book in the Bible that does not mention God (Yehovah). Yet the main point of the book is that our Creator is working behind the scenes even when He's hidden. The story of Esther is of the struggle between good & evil, of the darkness triumphing until the last minute when there is a surprise flip of the plot, ending with a celebration of miraculous deliverance of God's people from the wicked. This celebration is called "The Feast of Purim." "Purim" means "destiny/fate" as in the tossing of lots/dice, which were cast to determine the day to exterminate the Jews. Man can throw the dice, but God decides the outcome, (Proverbs 19:21).

Esther chronicles a classic display of the Biblical principle of "first the natural then the spiritual," earthly then heavenly, mortality then immortality, corruptible then incorruptible, weakness then strength, brokenness then glory, and sorrow to joy, (1Corinthians 15:42-29). This principle is repeated throughout the Bible in different ways, with many examples.

The true tale begins with a grand party to honor man, and ends with one to honor Yehovah. Soon a cruel decree is made by the evil Haman, but is later countered by one from righteous Mordecai. The first decree was to save the pagan king, while the second was to save the Jews. Next in the story Haman is promoted and Mordecai condemned. Later however Haman is condemned and Mordecai is promoted. In the climax of the narrative there are two banquets. In the first truth is suppressed so there is no justice. In the second truth is revealed and justice hits. Between these banquets is the pivot point leading to Haman hung on the gallows he built for Mordecai, followed by the hanging of his 10 sons.

A second Biblical-principle to note is that Yehovah cuts down the proud while raising up the humble. Pride leads to destruction, humbleness to life. Another fascinating facet of the Feast of Purim came during the WWII Nuremberg Trials, where the Nazis were judged. Hitler's top 10 were sentenced to hanging, (as were Haman's 10 sons). The Nazis all went cooperatively to the gallows, except one, who fought, digging in his heels while screaming "Heil Hitler!" as he was dragged to his fate. In the last moments he yelled, "Purimfest 1946!" (Newsweek 10-26-1946) That war criminal saw the pattern of Purim too late. Evil failed, justice prevailed, and Jews were miraculously delivered once again, resulting in the re-establishment of the nation of Israel. We also note a

third Biblical principle, that all things work together for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose for them, (Romans 8:28).

In my college days I had an old globe that labeled the area of present day Iran as “Persia.” Esther lived in the palace in Susa/Shushan, Persia (Iran today), where we see Purim repeating once again.

An evil Muslim regime took over Iran nearly 50 years ago. They have been especially brutal to Jews & Messianics.* Their goal was death to Israel/Jews & America/Messianics. Now those leaders are dead. They were “hung on gallows” they built for others. Pride and arrogance led to their demise. Iran lashed out at “neutral” neighbors, thinking they would pressure the USA to stop their attacks. Instead, their neighbors yoked with the USA. This shaking is causing nations to cease lukewarmness and move toward darkness or truth. European Union and NATO nations are forced to take a side, as well as politicians/individuals globally.

The USA struck Iran on February 28th, 2026. By March 3rd the leaders of the regime were dead, and their military decimated, the day of Purim, (the 14th/15th days of the 12th Hebrew month, always on a full moon!, Esther 9:20-22.)

Yehovah saves the best for last. Keep faith through the global shakings, knowing that all things will work out for the best for Yehovah’s people!

** We use “Messiah” instead of “Christ” and “Messianic” instead of “Christian.” Acts 11:26 in the original language scriptures (now proven to be Hebrew), say that the believers were first called “Messianics” in Antioch. “Christ” is a word used by pagans for over 200 years before Yahshua’s birth for their pagan gods, whereas “Messiah” denotes the Promised Seed of Eve. Greek Emperor Constantine used “Christ/Christianity” to keep pagans in his newly created church system. Eric lives with his wife (& editor), Mary Elizabeth (independent Bible researchers), in Easton, Maine; ericjellis@protonmail.com. Their writings are available free at www.bibleconcepts.com under “Other Writings,” then “Studies by Eric.”*