

Purim – 3/19/22  
Esther.

- I. I wanted to forego the weekly Parsha in order to examine a minor festival that occurred this week – Purim. In our efforts we will look beyond the traditional festivities that are common to the celebration, which have long served to consign a carnival-type atmosphere to the season and thus, overshadowed the Prophetic Message for the End-Times. It is my opinion the elaborate revelry that is a Purim theme only served to cloud the significance of this event hidden in the Scroll of Esther!

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The most intriguing aspect of this book is the fact that among all other books of the Torah, it alone fails to mention the name of YHVH even once. Though YHVH is seen in the Hebrew text, it is not in sequential order. The theme is one of concealment – the hidden Face of Elohiym. This would seem apropos if we consider the words of **Deut. 31:18** *And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods.*

What day do we presume is being spoken of here, surely not simply just the events of Esther? As a prophetic benchmark, and considering those with whom she collaborated with, it is without doubt that these events point to a future ‘anti-messiah’ figure that will once again suppose to eradicate the House of Israel. Like Haman, he will appoint a month and a day in which to destroy them only to have YHVH supernaturally intervene to deliver His Chosen! Further, the wrath of the anti-messiah who serves HaSatan will be poured out during a season called the Tribulation – the first 3 1/2 – years or 42-months of the apocalypse.

Please note: The above bold phrase ‘**I will surely hide**’ is shown from a double reference of the Hebrew **הַסֵּתֶר אֶסְתִּיר** h’satar asthir which could read: ‘*The secret, I will hide*’ and is taken from the root of **סָתַר**, Satar, meaning to hide, secret, to conceal. Asthir is also the word for star. Is it possible that the message of Purim is hidden in the Stars? Moreover, if we look at the root of the phrase without the ‘Alef’ as a pronoun, the value of the phrase is 1335 - a familiar number found in Daniel! \* Remember this. What secret is hidden here and what or how does it relate to Daniel’s prophecy of 1260, 1290 and 1335

days? Could this point to an adjustment in the solar calendar, a return to a 360-day year, in effect a ‘shortening of the days’?”

These numbers are interesting since Daniel and Revelation both mention a specific timetable associated with Tribulation – 42 months or 1260 days. If the time were calculated according to the Festival Cycle of a 360-day year with the 1<sup>st</sup> month festival of Pesach beginning the cycle then 1260-days would end 3 ½ years later at Sukkot, while 1290 fits Purim (30-days before Pesach) with 1335 coinciding with Chanukah (75-days after Yom Kippur). I don’t think these numbers are accidents.

In addition, perhaps you recall, Esther’s name is written H#635, אֶסְתֵּר, which is supposedly a ‘Persian’ word for “Star”, yet has the same root as the above ‘hide’ or ‘secret’. Could the “Message in the Stars” have been intentionally obscured in conjunction with the Hebrew language in order to ‘hide the Face of YHVH’?

Likewise, looking deeper, in Hebrew her name is H#1919, הַדַּסָּה, Hadassah, traditionally rendered ‘myrtle’. Throughout antiquity, the myrtle expressed the idea of righteousness, hope and eternal life and is shown demonstrated throughout Torah as well as, many pagan rituals.

What few realize is that most scholars believe Daniel was contemporary with Esther (As was Ezra and Nehemiah) and I believe Daniel is shown in the text of **Esther 2:3** where the eunuch (Named Hegai) in charge of the custody of the women is thought to have been Daniel! Hegai, H#1896, הֶגַּי, is translated as ‘eunuch’, yet has the same root as several Hebrew words meaning to meditate, muse, to ponder, a sighing and also to take away, move or separate impurities from silver, to remove the wicked from the King’s presence. The gematria of Hegai is 9, the same as the Hebrew word beged, meaning a garment that covers or conceals, also to deceive.

If indeed abetted by Esther, then what we’ve had revealed in our previous studies would be pertinent as we’ve concluded that Daniel was given a unique mission by YHVH as shown in **Dan. 12: 4** *But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, even to the time of the end: Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.*

What is more, if he was a contemporary of Esther here then what words were ‘**shut up**’ and what book was ‘**sealed**’ would certainly have bearing. Please examine the following:

- **Shut**, H#5640, **סתם**, sawtham, to repair or keep secret. It also means to stop up or obstruct as in a fountain.
- **Words**, H#1697, **דברים**, Debarim, words; by implication a matter, a communication.
- **Seal**, H#2856, **חתם**, hatam, to affix a seal, fasten by sealing, to mark, to shut.
- **Book**, H#5612, **ספר**, sepher, a book or scroll, evidence.

Could our extrapolated definition involve the intentional shutting up – hiding of the Fountain of Living Waters, also known as, ‘the Debarim’ by affixing a seal of sorts upon the Book? To add another clue to enforce our position, please consider **Jer. 17:13** *O YHVH, the **Hope** of Israel, all that forsake Thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from Me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken YHVH the fountain of living waters.*

The earth has always been the 2<sup>nd</sup> witness of what was written in the Heavens.

Is it possible to conclude that the firmament – Raqia – between the heavens containing the Stars (Stellar heavens and atmospheric heavens) could in fact be supporting a vault of water distinct from the deep and thus, be referred to as “The Fountain of Living Waters” and could those stars therefore be a fountain or source of Living Water - much as Yahshua was also known? By the way, Raqia – **רקע**, has a value of 370, the same as **עש**, the word used by Job as the name of the Great Bear – Ursa Major – constellation. Ursa Major is called the “Greater Sheepfold”. **John 7:38** *He that believeth on me, as the scripture saith, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*

\*Note the word for ‘**Hope**’ in **Jer. 17:13** above: H#4723, **מקוה**, Miquveh, translated here as hope, but, it’s the same word used for a ‘gathering of waters’. The root qavah indicates that which is hoped for. The Mem prefix denotes that which is now visible or manifest! The Message in the heavens and that of the Torah were both hidden to the Scribes and Rabbis of Yahshua’s day. Indeed, the Messiah was expected by Israel as demonstrated in the revolt of those called Zealots attempting to usher Messiah in. Yet, when confronted by Him in person, the Scribes of the Day failed to recognize Him! **2Cor. 3: 14** *But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the Old Testament; which veil is done away in Messiah!*

This was literally fulfilled in **John 7:37** where on the last day of the festival of Sukkot at the same time the Priests were pouring the water libation offering or 'living waters' Yahshua loudly proclaims that He is the fountain of living waters. Is He also alluding to the Message of the Stars in the Raqiya? This is profoundly shown again in **John 8** where a woman caught in adultery is brought before Him and He stoops to write in the earth the very words of **Jeremiah 17:13**! Remember: It is the Scribes and Pharisees who accost Him and He asks; let the one without guilt cast the first stone. As they watch what is being written these same are quickly reminded of the day before where Yahshua declares He is the Living Waters – producing two witnesses (Heaven and Earth) to accuse the Scribes! However, they reject Him because they CANNOT RECOGNIZE HIM – HE IS DISGUISED FROM THEM! He was the Living Torah Scroll, yet the Messiah of the Scroll is hidden – **אסתר** – Esther from the very ONES tasked with reading, writing, and teaching it!

What is more, Daniel was chief of the Chaldean astronomers and would have known the Secrets of the STARS – (ESTHER) and in that capacity he knew the prophetic secrets of those Stars regarding the Righteous King The Fountain of Living Waters or Words - Who Would Bring Eternal Life – (Hadassah) – also hidden from the Scribes and Rabbis within the Hebrew Alef-Bet! It was this King the “3” – Magi later sought after!

Further, please note **Esther 2: 15**, *Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she **required** nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, **appointed**. And Esther obtained favor in the sight of all them that looked upon her.*

- **Required**, H#1245, **בִּקֵּשׁ**, baqas, to seek, request, to search out, to strive for, and to procure. The idea is to examine by touching feeling, to search for by touching. Is it possible that this searching or examining by touching had more to do with her efforts in securing and hiding the language of her heritage than her purification rituals?
- **Appointed**, H#559, **אָמַר**, Amar, to say, to speak or utter. To show, declare, to make prominent!

**Esther 4:14** *For if you altogether hold thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: And who knowest whether **you are come** to the Kingdom for such a time as this?*

The above phrase ‘you are come’ is written with one Hebrew word: H#5060, נגע, nagah, to cause a blemish by striking. Could this indicate a striking of the Hebrew letters? It comes from the same root as Neged as in ‘Ezer K’negdo’ - one in the image of another! Remember the word for kingdom – Malkut has the same root as Messenger – One carrying the message.

Who knows perhaps you were to strike thus, causing a blemish to the ONE BEARING the image – MESSAGE of the Kingdom - at this time? Both the Heavens and the Written Torah were stricken!

To supplement this – although it may seem a bit far-fetched – we must remember as a eunuch, Daniel has no posterity with which, to pass along his inheritance. Thus, for 500-yrs the inheritance is held in trust by the ‘Wise-Men’ – Chaldean astronomers who bring the timely gift to Joseph and Mary, the parents of Yahshua! Don’t forget, we have record that they were not wealthy at Yahshua’s circumcision, merely able to bring a turtle dove as an offering, only to be able to relocate to Egypt just 2-years later. But, wait! What if the ‘Wise Men’ brought something far more valuable than gold, frankincense and myrrh?

#### SIDEBAR!

What if these gifts represented more than a physical commodity?

II. Throughout antiquity the above 3-listed gifts were taken as literal objects, but what about their spiritual implications?

- Gold, Gk. #5557, khroo-sos, precious metal. From the base of Gk. #5530, to furnish what is needed, to give an oracle. Gold has always represented holy and eternal things.
- Frankincense, Gk. #3030, libanos, incense, that which is white. To purify.
- Myrrh, Gk. #4666, Smyrna, a bitter gum or resin. From the Hebrew ‘Mar’, bitter, the root hints at smearing, spreading.

Before connecting the dots above, remember the latter word, myrrh – is the name of the church called Smyrna as mentioned in Rev. 2:8-11, whose 4-verses speak of that which was dead and is now alive! In fact, it is powerfully connected with the death, burial and resurrection of Yahshua! On more than one occasion Yahshua is anointed with this same myrrh, but what is the hidden connection with Esther and Daniel?

**John 19:39** *And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Yahshua by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes about an hundred pound weight!*

First, let me stipulate that this was NOT FOR EMBALMING as the Jews frowned on such a practice. 2<sup>nd</sup>, this was 100-times more than what Mary anointed Yahshua's feet with (Alabaster box) and her estimated cost was the 1-year salary of a common man! Nicodemus, on the other hand, brought the equivalent of 100-years salary to announce the RESURRECTION of Messiah who had taught him about being born again!

In conclusion of this SIDEBAR, the gifts of the Magi would have reflected Daniels' knowledge of the coming Messiah/King who would offer Himself for the Nations! Thus, the Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh testified of Daniel's knowledge of the death, burial and resurrection of the Messiah – The King Who Would Come! One must remember, the KJV refers to these Magi as “Wise Men” a term, though glossed over by most, was used quite often to refer to those ancient Soferim-Scribes experienced in the Sacred Writ! Moreover, each gift brought, reflected hope of an eternal resurrection!

WAIT! It is my opinion, based on their ‘Wise Men’ – MAGI -SOFERIM titles that these Chaldean astronomers brought an additional gift – The Hidden Message of Daniel (Keep in mind - Hadassah – MYRTLE - the blossom whose fragrance is only released once bruised) – Regarding The Eternal One – The Risen King Who Was Dead and is Now Alive) via an uncorrupted Hebrew language written in the Megillah or scroll of Esther – (Star) held in Trust for the One Who Would Become The Living Torah! There is no doubt that the events of Esther, in particular her 3-day fast period, was a prophetic message representing a symbolic death and resurrection like that of the coming Messiah along with the Nation of Israel!

But, Yahshua Had Divine Knowledge: (Sic)

We have no problem acknowledging that Yahshua was the Living Word or Torah Scroll, yet we cannot overlook the fact that He was born of a Woman. Further, if we're to do the same works that He did, then He cannot simply have gotten a spiritual download from YHVH without having read what was written first, and then the ‘download’ would have confirmed the text! Hence, He constantly remarks ‘It is Written’!

The evidence is overwhelming that Yahshua had access to the Torah at an early age. For instance: He prepared for his own bar mitzvah in **Luke 2:41-52** where at

12-years of age following the Pilgrimage festival of Pesach, he is found in the temple hearing and discussing Torah with the ‘Doctors’ or SCRIBES of the Law. They were astonished at His understanding and answers. It is a fact that the scrolls were not easily accessible and few had them. Where then, did Yahshua learn Torah if Joseph and Mary did not have ready access to one and though He did have the Ruach could it be that His “**Daniel scroll**” gave Him information that had been hidden from the Rabbis?

Likewise, remember **Deut. 31:18** where YHVH says He will hide His face from them? This seems a contradiction since Moshe was told “*no man may see my face and live*” – so, why bother to hide it? Simple: Yahshua became the Face – The Manifest Presence of YHVH in the earth. Called the ‘Memra’ by the Sages. Is it possible that Daniel –Ezra – Esther intentionally massaged the Chaldean Flame Letters effectively placing a VEIL upon the letters in order to obfuscate the Identity of the MESSIAH – THE FACE OF YHVH? Surely, this would have included the changing of the Stellar names and message as well?

Like the Veil in the Tabernacle, which covered the ‘FACE’ of the Tabernacle Man, a covering remains to this day upon the Torah, which speaks of Messiah where Judah is concerned. In fact, after His resurrection He appears to certain disciples who did not recognize Him until after He recounts what Moshe-Torah said regarding Him, effectively removing what had been covered, secreted away and hidden until He came. This Veil or secret will be lifted off in the coming days and they will look upon Him whom they pierced!

FYI, Messiah has always traditionally meant “The Anointed King” “The Righteous King”. In other words, The Melek Zadek – Hence, Judah will struggle with the Melchizedec Order embracing instead the Levitical Order until such time as the VEIL remains! It will take a future PURIM – a national DEATH THREAT – from the Anti-Messiah to awaken the House of Judah to the truth that the House of Joseph (Who was hidden) has already embraced!

#### Esther – Moshe and The Secret Code

- III. Though unknown to most Christians, our Jewish brothers acknowledge a secret code found in **Gen. 50: 24, 25** where on his deathbed, Joseph tells his brothers: *And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: And YHVH will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which He sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, YHVH will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from hence.*

Before looking at the code phrase, we assume that Joseph is speaking specifically of the Exodus from Egypt. However, it is a fact that the BONES OF JOSEPH also relate to the Vision of Ezek. 37 those dry bones within whom the DNA of Joseph still lives and which will be gathered in a latter-day Greater Exodus! Continuing, the Sages teach the phrase code phrase originated with Abraham who taught it to Isaac who passed it to Jacob. He passed it to Joseph who was presumed dead until their reunion!

In a curious twist, at the presumed death of Joseph - Jacob-Israel is now hidden, cut off from his family at the death of Joseph, he sinks into depression for 22-years until the news of Joseph living! Again, a shadow picture of Esther, and Yahshua where the House of Jacob/Israel is lost, in great despair until it is known that Messiah Ben Yoseph does in fact LIVE AGAIN!

Likewise, Moshe is given the “Code Phrase” (Ex.3:16) from YHVH as his personal credentials to legitimize his role as deliver of Israel out of Egypt: יִפְדֵּךְ פָּקֵד yiphchad. This phrase is most often translated as ‘to pay attention or to attend to’. On the other hand, it more powerfully conveys the idea of *‘knowing someone as an individual with precision and unparalleled detail’!*

Marvelously hidden for decades in an innocuous and obscure verse, this same code is found here in Esther 2:3 *And let the king appoint...* הַמֶּלֶךְ פִּקְדֵימֵי וַיִּפְדֵּךְ v'yiphchad h'melek pekudiyim. This would have been a powerful announcement involving the Persian King, who by unknowingly continuing the lineage of Israel would singularly and with Divine aid choose the One Who Would 500-years later Deliver Israel out of peril!

Thus, the code becomes the method for identifying the Hidden Esther as the successor to Vashti. It is my opinion that Daniel and the SCRIBE – Ezra would have known and expected this DELIVERER! In fact, the Rabbis teach that Ezra wrote a meticulously detailed Torah scroll kept in the Temple throughout the 2<sup>nd</sup> Temple period. All other scrolls were checked for accuracy against his original. Thus, it is possible that all the scribal details in the Hebrew text that were to be hidden by Daniel could have been kept that way, because of Ezra’s work until the coming of Messiah who would receive the original Scroll of Esther and others by the hand of Daniel’s trustees, the Babylonian Magi!

Purim and the Anti-Messiah

IV. Purim - פורים is derived from what is actually a Persian word, shown in the Hebrew root as H#6332, פור, pur, i.e. a part, portion. The Hebrew word for lot is H#1486, גורל, goral, a small stone of decision making, kept in the bosom-fold of a garment. Much like the Urim and Thummim! Goral has a value of 239, the same as מעט מעט, ma'at ma'at – little by little, by degrees. This is very interesting as the goal of the Anti-Messiah has never been total extermination of the earth's peoples, rather he intends to ASSIMILATE – to integrate all the Nations little by little into a ONE WORLD ORDER – RELIGION!

The principal antagonist in our Purim/Esther study is of course, Haman. He is descended from King Agag, ruler of the Amalekite nation. Amalek is from Esau or Edom. It is not a coincidence that the Roman Church is also Edomite. Thus, the logical conclusion is that the future Haman – Anti Messiah might have Catholic ties! Remember Rome 'assimilated' the nations as well. In addition, the Sages teach that the use of Purim – lots reflect that Haman was a student of the Stars! Hence, he sought out a favorable 'date' for the destruction of Israel. It seems he felt he could manipulate times and seasons much like his counterpart in **Dan. 7:25** *And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a **time and times and the dividing of time.***

Please note the 'time and times and the dividing of time' an allusion to the 3 ½ years – 1260-days – 42-months of tribulation mentioned earlier.

Haman, H#2001, המן, is translated rather blandly as 'magnificent'. However, in keeping with his Persian background and his affinity for the stars, it probably came from the Sanskrit name of the planet Mercury. The king's name is Ahasuerus thought to have originated from (Evidence in ancient cuneiform writings) a source better translated as "Lion King" and would have related to the King Planet Jupiter and the constellation Leo. Esther – Star is connected to the Planet Venus, the Bright and Morning star. Mordecai is associated with the planet Mars. Finally, the Hebrew word for lot is Goral – גורל. If we rearrange the letters to form the root Resh-Gimmel-Lamed we have the Latin root of the King Star in Leo – Regulus!

Remember, Haman, would later be depicted in his future relative King Herod also an Edomite, who would once again attempt to destroy the Lineage through which the True King of Kings would come! Ironically, there's another link to

Daniel in the gematria of Haman – 95 – the same value as Daniel – Yah is Judge!  
In addition, 95 is the value of H#4484, מנמ, mene as found in **Dan. 5:25** *Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin – YHVH has numbered your kingdom and finished it. You are weighed in the balance and found wanting. Thy kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.*

It is the Persian King Cyrus fulfilling the above who conquers Babylon and he is the grandson of Esther and Ahasuerus of our story. He also is responsible for allowing the Exiled Jews to return home, the rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem and the collecting together of many ancestral texts into the Torah! In fact, Isaiah refers to him as “The Messiah” in **Is. 45:1**. Could the future Anti-Messiah be used as a tool in the hand of YHVH to subdue nations and Kings and accomplish the task of erecting the 3<sup>rd</sup>-Temple as a means to expose those who call themselves Jews and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan? It is my opinion following the method of Cyrus, the Anti-Messiah will become a champion of Peace, a restorer of Israel’s religious STATE and the conqueror who will assimilate the great triad of religions into one: Jews – Christians – Muslims and quite possibly will become the Religious figurehead – Father of each!

As we fast forward to the time of the Magi’s visit in search of Messiah the Great King (Another title of the King of Babylon and Persia as well) computer models revealed that these specific planets: Jupiter-Mars-Mercury would have been aligned in a Scepter-like position while Venus in her role would exit Virgo – Bethulah the bride and enter the King’s chamber (Leo)! This would form the curious anomaly that drove the Magi to search for the King!

Not surprisingly, Revelation 12 mentions a period of 1260-days wherein the Woman is secluded while another great war in the heavens is being fought. At this time, the same planets, constellations and their principal stars are seen: Jupiter – the King Planet will be at the center of Virgo – Bethulah the Virgin. Mercury, Venus and Mars will be at the woman’s crowned head in the sign of Virgo. The Woman is depicted as having a crown of 12-stars (Mercury, Venus, Mars) and the 9-stars of the constellation Leo, including Regulus – Goral the PURIM – or King Star!

A season of great turmoil and at the same time – great triumph is upon the earth! Those who are looking to the heavens for the Signs of the Son of Man will be delivered! As for each of you who hears and/or reads this text though you may

think your own life as insignificant in the overall plan of YHVH. I leave you with this to encourage you: **Esther 4:14** *If you hold your peace at this time, then shall enlargement and deliverance arise to the House of Israel from another place; but you and your father's house will be destroyed. Who knowest whether you are come to the kingdom for such a time as this!*

Shabbat Shalom!