

Purim 2024

As we currently find ourselves in the 12th month of the Hebrew calendar, we are quickly drawing near to the season of Purim. Its sole reference is found in the book of Esther, and as such is either ignored, misunderstood, or leaves one wondering does it have a place or purpose in regard to the calendar and feast cycles of Yahweh? Esther and Purim's true significance can only begin to be unraveled when realizing who her contemporaries were – Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Zechariah, and Joel! In fact Daniel and Nehemiah both are seen in the same palace as Esther (Daniel 8:2, Nehemiah 1:1). It begs the question then what role if any does Esther play in the prophetic landscape?

One of the most intriguing points regarding the scroll of Esther is the absence of the name of Yahweh, embedded and hidden within the Hebrew text, but not “seen” in its sequential order. In fact Esther's name itself comes from the Hebrew root Strong's #5641 *satar* סָתַר to hide, to conceal, to guard, or protect, specifically to hide the face, to put a veil over the face. This root word is seen in the phrase *hester paniym* regarding the hidden face of Yahweh! **Deuteronomy 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.”

Yet it is important to note that the name Esther is also the word for star! What does the hiding of His face have to do with the stars? First note that the term *paniym* (face) deals with more than just the physical appearance of the face but the identity and character of the person. In fact, it hints at the turning of the face, inferring seasons when the face is seen and seasons when the face is hidden. Second point to note is that the message of the Torah and salvific plan of Yahweh was first written in the stellar luminaries – the stars! They reveal His Face – His character and identity. These luminaries as well were for the specific purpose of relaying signs and seasons (Gen. 1:14) and are the time and calendar calculating instruments of Yahweh revealing the set time for the divine appointments of His Feasts when His people would have access to His “Face” as it turns!

Simultaneously as Esther's name hints at things being concealed, Daniel is active in sealing the books! **Daniel 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.” The term book used here is *sepher* סֵפֶר (#5612) book, missive, document, scroll (Notice it is the same letters that form *Paras* פָּרַס – Persia, the very place we find this taking place!); From the root *saphar* סָפַר to count, relate, to declare; first seen in **Gen. 15:5** with Abram – “And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell/saphar the stars, if thou be able to number/saphar them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.”

*The revelation and Covenant promise to Abraham is that his seed as well will be the manifestation of the “Face” (His character, attributes, authority) of Yahweh on the earth! The 12 sons of Jacob which comprise the 12 Tribes of Israel become a

physical manifestation of this promise to Abraham – they are the 12 zodiacal signs of the Mazzaroth.

At this point in time, nation of Israel was split into 2 kingdoms, the Northern 10 tribes comprising the nation of “Israel”, and the Southern the kingdom of “Judah”. The Northern 10 tribes have already been sent into exile in Assyria, considered “lost” as we are scattered to the four corners of the earth. If the 12 tribes united were to be a mirror image of what is revealed in the heavens (stars), then the “Face” has already been concealed within the earthly witness, and now we find Yahweh instructing his servants to conceal His Face within the heavenly witness – the message in the Heavens and it would seem then concealing the true calculations of His calendar and appointed times! Until the end! A promise of something being revealed that deals not only with the knowledge of how to have access to His Presence (His Divine Appointed times & calendar), but as well deals with the restoration of the whole house – the lost tribes of Israel!

It is well documented that as Israel returns from exile from Babylon, along with it comes their new calculation of time and the calendar! The names of the current Jewish calendar are Babylonian, along with their current system of intercalation of months, the focus of the role of the moon, and sunset day start is all documented Babylonian influence. Yet there’s an interesting puzzle piece here that points to Esther! The extra month on the Jewish calendar is Adar II (which is happening this year). This is Persian in origin! A distinct difference between Babylonian intercalation and Persian, is that Babylonian calendar changes came from the kings, during this period of time Persian intercalation (the adding of an extra month of Adar) came from the priestly officials (wise men, knowers of the time).

***Daniel 2:48** – “Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon.” – as Babylon shifts to Persia these learned men would have retained their position. And Daniel is at one point at Shushan. All the evidence points towards Daniel and Esther concluding together at the behest and instruction of Yahweh to conceal the true calendar of appointed times in order to conceal His Face – hester paniym!

In fact there’s another hint that the scroll of Esther deals with the calendar manipulations at this time found hidden in Esther 1:1 – Ahasuerus reigns over 127 provinces. There were 4 main calendar systems of the Jews at this point in time (adding a 2nd 12th month/Adar, adding a 2nd 6th month/Elul, a true 360 day calendar, or a 354 day calendar). Key dates are joined together by spaces of 127 days on each of the above calendar systems! Perhaps a hidden clue from Esther of what’s really happening? (For more info: <https://e-journals.ku.lt/journal/AB/article/1325/info>)

*It’s no accident that 127 is also the age of Sarah upon her death – in the role of the Bride or womb of the promise! Could it be revealing that the Bride of Messiah is the one who will be given the key to unlock and reveal the Face at the set time?

Daniel is told to seal this up!

Seal: Strong's #2856 chatam סָתַם to seal, seal up, affix a seal, to put a barrier or set a lock on something; breaking this term apart ס – a wall, fence; but the ancient pictograph looks like that of a ladder (perhaps what Jacob saw? A winding ladder/spiraling staircase, the DNA helix); סָתַם = to be perfect, complete, integrity; first seen in **Gen. 25:27** regarding Jacob compared to Esau – “And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain/tam man, dwelling in tents.”

*The tents Jacob is dwelling in refers to the tents of Shem – the tent of the NAME where the Torah was taught and revealed! The revelation of Daniel that is sealed up, which I believe dealt with the Word of Yahweh, the creative power of the Hebrew language, the understanding of the message written in the stars, therefore the true calculation of the calendar and appointed times – and the timing of the restoration of Jacob, all of this is sealed up and in order to access it – the key that unlocks it deals with a DNA test! You must be one who approaches in the image of the Father, one who has spent time dwelling in the tent of the NAME!

Proverbs 25:2 – “It is the glory of Elohim to conceal/satur a thing: but the honor of kings is to search out a matter.”

Honor: Strong's #3519 kavod כְּבוֹד glory; it is the description of the Presence of Yahweh when made manifest or accessible to man! Interesting connection points us back to Mosheh on the mountain in Exodus 33 who requests to see the panim/the Face of Yahweh, yet Yahweh responds that He will instead show him His Glory/Kavod! If we seek His Face, which requires us to understand the seasons of the turning of His face, then He has promised to reveal His Glory – the manifestation of His Presence will be accessible to His people!

As we continue to connect the dots, Jeremiah highlights this regarding Israel's condition as they go into exile – they are being removed from His Face! **Jeremiah 32:31** – “For this city hath been to me as a provocation of mine anger and of my fury from the day that they built it even unto this day; that I should remove it from before my face...”

Provocation: Strong's #639 'aph אֵף nostril, nose, face; can infer anger in the sense of breathing hard; first seen in **Gen. 2:7** – “And Yahweh Elohim formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils/'aph the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”

*Notice the imagery Jeremiah is using, Jerusalem (specifically the temple) has been in His face, remember that both the layout of the land of Israel as well as the tabernacle/temple were designed in the form of a man, just like Adam who was breathed into and received life. This is the imagery the Hebrew is evoking here – this body laid out before Him, as Yahweh is breathing into it! Yet it has provoked His anger!

Anger: Strong's #2534 chemah חֵמָה heat, rage, displeasure, anger; gematria = 53, the same as Gan גן Garden & Aholibah אֹהֶל־בָּהֶמֶת my tent/tabernacle in her, the name used by Ezekiel to describe Jerusalem who chooses to play the harlot. **Ez. 23:38** – “Moreover this they have

done unto me: they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my sabbaths.”

Remember Ezekiel & Jeremiah are contemporaries (along with Esther, Daniel, and the others). What exactly is being revealed regarding the exile that is the backdrop of Purim? The imagery that is being conveyed is that of Israel (Jerusalem/the temple) being likened unto Adam, a body waiting to receive the breath, the neshamah (Neshamah is associated with the mind and intellect of Yahweh, which is then entrusted to Adam! When breaking this word apart, א = heir, the seed, the continuation of a lineage; נש = Shem/Name; & ה = breathe, to reveal, to vocalize; Adam is the heir of Yahweh who will reveal/give breath to His Name! Adam is to be the visible face!)

*Jeremiah & Ezekiel are highlighting Israel’s rejection of His breath, His Name, His mind, and His Face! As such they had become a body with no life, they were spiritually dead and defiled. And as they rejected the Neshamah, they cease to be the visible face and now we find the full manifestation of the hester paniym – the hidden face as it is turning/being concealed in the heavenlies as well!

The next clue is regarding the exact duration of this exile – 70 years directly connected to the neglecting of the shemittah cycles (Remember Ezekiel connects this as well – they have defiled my sanctuary and profaned my sabbaths)! **2 Chronicles 36:21** – “To fulfill the word of Yahweh by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths: *for* as long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill threescore and ten years.” Is this same thread once again seen in regards to Esther?

Looking closer at her name ‘ester אֶסְתֵּר it has a gematria of 661, the same value as the phrase “lo’ yishma’ ‘al pika” לֹא יִשְׁמַע עַל־פִּיךָ (“it shall not be heard on thy mouth”) seen in **Exodus 23:13** – “And in all things that I have said unto you be circumspect: and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.” The previous 3 verses of Exodus 23 deal with the laws regarding the shemittah/Sabbatical years and the weekly Sabbath!

*Esther’s Persian name strategically reveals Israel’s condition – the face of Yahweh having been hid from them due to their disregard for the Shabbat cycles, His calendar of diving appointments, and by disregarding the Shabbat and the shemittah years, it revealed their choice for another Elohim/king to reign over them! They have been formed into that image/face – they are desolate!

Simultaneously, her Hebrew name Hadassah reveals a message as well! Hadassah (#1919) הַדַּסָּה myrtle, interesting to note that it is one of the specifically mentioned branches used to make sukkah’s for the Feast of Tabernacles (Neh. 8) pointing towards Yahweh tabernacling/dwelling among His people, perhaps a prophetic declaration looking ahead to when this would once again take place?

The myrtle is associated with the blessings and restoration of Yahweh. It is seen in **Isaiah 55:13** – “Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come

up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to Yahweh for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Brier: Strong’s #5636 sirpad שִׁרְפָד an unidentified desert plant (*used only in this verse); the mirror image of this word שִׁרְפָד is the word Paras (Persia) with the ש prefixed to it, the ש as prefix in Aramaic can mean “that or from” – from Persia!

*The restoration of Israel, the mystery concealed within Esther, points towards the coming Messiah who would tabernacle/dwell among His people to restore the mind of the Creator and the visible Face! **John 14:9** – “...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father...” and this is what the true restoration from their exile would entail compared to the “supposed” restoration under Persia/Paras!

It's no accident that the Messiah's ministry is focused on the “lost sheep of the house of Israel”, He's restoring the earthly image of the Face that mirrors the Heavenly/written in the stars! Simultaneously then if He is focused on restoring the face/witness on the earth, He must as well be focused on restoring the heavenly face – the clock/calendar of the stellar heavens which He does exactly that! He becomes the tent of the Name (the walking Tabernacle) that if we will like Jacob dwell in this tent (put on Messiah), then we will have the key to unlock what Daniel has sealed! Our DNA will reveal His Name and unlock the seal/chatam enabling us to have access to supernatural provision in the perilous days on the horizon!

Jeremiah prophesies regarding Israel's exile to Babylon for 70 years. A season which ends with Babylon falling to Persia. Persia plays quite an interesting role and is specifically the setting of Purim...on the one hand they are celebrated as the liberators of Israel, they are instrumental in funding the rebuilding of the Temple. Yet **Daniel 10:13** reveals the spiritual principalities behind this nation who opposed the releasing of the message and wisdom Daniel was in need of! For 21 days the Prince of Persia wars and hinders the answers. Yet simultaneously this same nation –governed by principalities intent on opposing Daniel's revelation, gladly fund and enable the rebuilding of the temple? What's going on?

It is important to note that this temple contains no Ark of the Covenant, the Shekina (Presence) is not seen. Once again there is a body built – but it is lifeless! Could this perhaps be the pattern pointing towards the future temple that will be built, encouraged by the worldly powers, it is a body prepared, yet one purposed and built with the intent for the Anti-Messiah to control and operate from! Yet the concealed name Hadassah reveals the fullness of the plan of Yahweh, their true return from exile would come with the appearance of the Messiah as the walking living tabernacle of the Shekina/Presence!

*Could this be part of the revelation that is sealed by Daniel?

With that foundation...let's take a look at the setting of the scene of Esther!

Esther 1:3-5

2 important points to consider, notice the details regarding this particular feast, they have been celebrating for 180 days –if this celebration began at the beginning of the year, this would put the 180th day of the Feast hitting the 1st day of the 7th month – Yom Teruah! An additional 7 days are added to this celebration, putting it squarely within the fall feasts

season leading up to Yom Kippur! Yom Kippur is the day the Yobel/Jubilee was sounded as well as the start of the shemittah year!

According to the sages, this lavish party King Ahasuerus is throwing mimics that of the Babylonian king Belshazzar, as both choose to use the holy vessels of the Temple that had been captured as well as masquerade in the garments of the High Priest! It's no accident then the timing of this event! Could this have been his attempt to usurp the role of THE KING who alone has the authority to declare the fate of His people – their yobel?

On the 187th day of this feasting, Vashti is called for.

Vashti: Strong's #2060 וַשְׁתִּי beautiful; of Persian origin but contains the Hebrew root stems וַשׁ to drink (part of a covenant cutting process), also connected to שָׂא (sha'ah) to roar loudly, to lay waste, to turn into ruins, destruction or devastation & שָׁו (shav') nullification, deceit, deception, worthless

187 is the value of zeqaph (#2211) זָקַף to raise, to lift up, to hang upon a stake – the very act the Messiah would do to restore His people! What is happening?? Israel's claim to the land of their inheritance is unique, it is Yahweh Himself who cut the covenant with Abraham and walked between the pieces, He along is the guarantor of their inheritance, their restoration, and release from exile.

It seems Ahasuerus mockingly has adorned Himself in the priestly garments and is challenging Yahweh regarding His promise as it seems Israel is in his power, and he seeks at the very time the yobel should be sounded instead to declare/to roar that the covenant has been nullified; that they are in fact destroyed, laid waste, and will be left in a state of devastation. But Vashti doesn't come! And immediately what does this king do? He looks to his wise men who know the times (**Est. 1:13**)...perhaps realizing he may have miscalculated his timing and questions exactly what does this portend for his own throne and power?

*Simultaneously embedded here is the answer to this challenge – the Messiah would pay the price to ensure that covenant stood firm and would be hung upon the stake to restore His people and true tabernacle!

Within the scroll of Esther we see the 2 methods/phases of the enemy's plans regarding the people of Yahweh! Ahasuerus seeks to control them, understanding Israel is the door through which access can be found to The KING, therefore power and authority. For a season this is the plan of the coming anti-messiah. He too will fund a temple project and support a "restoration", but all for the purpose of controlling and usurping the throne of Yahweh on the earth (having already been cast down from this place in the heavens). Haman on the other hand reveals the second aspect/phase – when the enemy realizes the true "face" has been hid from him, access is denied, he will be wroth and seek to destroy the "face".

Looking closer at Haman's plans, **Esther 3:7** – "In the first month, that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that is, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, to the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar." Haman as

well is looking to the stars, attempting to understand the message of what's about to happen to direct his steps, in regards to his plans accordingly. He casts the pur/lots to reveal a message.

Why does he choose Adar...what is significant about this month, and perhaps is this why Daniel and Esther manipulate and secret away the timing in regards specifically to this month, adding a second Adar? Each Hebrew month is associated with a constellational sign, Adar is associated with the sign of Pisces the fish. In Esther's day, the ruling astronomical sign was Aries the lamb, having shifted from Taurus the bull at the timing of the Exodus. Pharaoh/Egypt ruled under the sign of the bull, the heavenly shift to Aries the lamb manifested in the shift of power as Israel is redeemed by the lamb. The signs were preparing to shift again to Pisces! Pisces would be the ruling sign by the time of Messiah!

With that shift, comes a shift in power! Could this be what Haman is attempting to circumvent? Looking closer at Pisces, one of the decans in this house is Cepheus, in Hebrew Tzemach -the Branch! He is a compilation of stars sitting on a throne ruling over the other 12 houses. All the stars in the heavens literally revolve around him and in every ancient language he is named not just "a king" but THE king!

*Coinciding with the meaning of this shift, the star of Bethlehem that led the wise men to Yahshua (the magi by the way trained and instructed by Daniel to understand and bring the inheritance to the King) was potentially a triple conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn in the house of Pisces, as well as other significant signs in the heavenlies. As the stellar clock was shifting, everything was pointing towards a coming shift in power and this is the very thing it seems Haman is desperately trying to stop – the arrival of THE KING!

Yet Daniel boldly proclaims in the face of this, **Dan. 11:32** – "...but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits." Do exploits is the term 'asah – אָשָׂא means to fashion, accomplish or make; seen in Gen. 1:26 man made/'asah in the image...in the midst of this Yahweh will cause His people to once again be the revealed Face – in His image seen on the earth! For just such a time as this were you called to the kingdom!