

Purim 2026: The Hidden Face

We have entered the 12th month of Yahweh's calendar year, and with that comes the anticipation and preparation of preparing to experience teshuva – the return or commencement of the new year and season! As the sun casts its straight line upon the earth it acts as the proverbial line drawn in the sand, the calendar you observe and adhere to indicates the King you serve and the God you worship! Yet in this season of counting and preparation, one minor book and historical event/celebration come to the forefront, the event of Purim found in the book of Esther! A book whose validity has been questioned due to the absence of the very name of Yahweh, yet one whose significance on prophetic events cannot be denied as Esther stands contemporary with Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Ezekiel, and Jeremiah to name a few.

What then is the message concealed within? Esther's name itself שְׁתִּינְפָּנָן translated as "star" comes from the Hebrew root Strong's #5641 satar שָׁתַּר 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." It is an apt description of where the divided nation of Israel finds themselves at in this moment - the Northern 10 tribes having been sent into exile in Assyria and the Southern Kingdom of Judah to Babylon and now traded hands to Persia.

Their exile is preceded by the Glory of Yahweh departing from the Temple and the city of Jerusalem recorded in Ezekiel 10-11! **Ezek. 10:18** – "Then the glory of Yahweh departed from off the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubims."

It is interesting to note that cherubim are first seen in **Genesis 3:24** guarding the way to the Tree of Life, they are found in the description of the Tabernacle and Temple, and yet a description is never given of what these are until Ezekiel who describes them in great detail – the 4 faces (Man, Lion, Ox, Eagle) which then connects that these same cherubim were etched in the heavens (Mazzaroth/Zodiac), as well as seen again as Israel formed this same likeness with their Tribal banners encamped around the Tabernacle! Obviously, their identity and role were passed down from Adam forward so that when Moses is instructed to have Cherubim placed upon the Ark he knew exactly what was to be built and why! Could it be that Ezekiel is instructed to describe his vision in elaborate detail to restore knowledge that had been lost in exile?

*The Cherubim positioned as the 4 compass points in the heavens became the 4 key points revealing the redemption plan of Yahweh written and proclaimed in the Heavens, as well as the 4 key markers tracking Yahweh's circuit and therefore the timing of His calendar appointments! The significance of this understanding to Adam is of the utmost importance as it revealed to him in his fallen exiled condition

there was still a means of redemption available and moments of access that would be open to him at the set mo'edim!

It is through this lens that a proper understanding of what Ezekiel sees can be understood! The Glory/Kavod has dwelt “among” man in the confines of the earthly Tabernacle/Temple built to exact specifications modeled after what is seen in the Heavens. Yet now due to idolatrous/adulterous acts allowed within the intimate place of His dwelling that bring defilement, much like Adam in the Garden, there is once again an exile from His Presence – not only are the people exiled physically from the Land, but His Glory is once again guarded by these same Cherubim! It reveals the same message that Adam was given – access is still available for those who understand and know the timing of His arrival!

Could it be this is the message encoded in Esther – the hidden, guarded, protected face? Simultaneously Daniel is told 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.”

Shut up: Strong's #5640 satam סָתָם to stop up, shut up, to hide; notice it has the same 2 letter root as the satar (root of Esther) סָתָר meaning to incite, allure, instigate, entice; can infer stirring up persons with the intention to get them to deviate, to act with destructive harmful purposes in mind, to lead them astray, as well as to agree to something in a positive sense.

*Hmm...could it be that in the midst of the season where Yahweh has concealed His Face (directly tied to the understanding of how to access Him, His calendar) that it will cause a stirring up of the people from their complacency? It becomes a tool that will incite those who desire to know Him to search for Him! Yet simultaneously it is an opportunity for the enemy to allure and entice those who fail to seek Yahweh to be led astray and deviate, walking with another on a path that in fact will lead to destruction!

When looking at these 2 cognate terms satam סָתָם and satar סָתָר after the סָתָר root we are left with the letters מֶר – bitter! Immediately it brings to mind the test of the bitter waters of Numbers 5 administered to a woman accused of adultery! Could Yahweh choose to conceal Himself from Israel as they are sent into exile knowing that He must administer the cup of bitter waters to them if they remain, knowing that they will invoke the curse upon themselves as they are in fact guilty? In His mercy, He chooses to hide Himself! And when His Face is revealed again via the Manifest Presence of Yahshua – the Messiah, He drinks the cup on our behalf (**Matt. 26:39**), satisfying the judgement of the Law and enabling a teshuva/restoration of His Bride!

Let's dig a little further here into Esther and her associate Mordecai! **Esther 2:5-7**

Mordecai: Strong's #4782 Mardecai מָרְדָּכָי little man or worshipper of Mars; yet when diving into the Hebrew it reveals another message entirely! מָר root once again points towards the bitter waters, the בָּשָׁר root means to break down, crush, or even dust! Once again, an illusion to the bitters of jealousy (**Numb. 5:17** – “And the priest shall take holy

water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is in the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put it into the water:”)

Son of Jair: Strong's #2971 יָאֵר He enlightens; from the root 'or אֹר to be or become light; it has the same numerical value (221) as chabburah (#2250) bruise, stripes – **Isaiah 53:5** – “But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes/chabburah we are healed.”

Son of Shimei: Strong's #8096 מָמֹשֵׁה renowned; from the root Shema' – to hear, understand, and obey! Breaking it down further it reveals because he was obedient to what he heard, he has the NAME/Shem (םש) (Character, authority, identity) revealed to him (ע)!

Son of Kish: Strong's #7027 Qish שִׁקְמִשׁ bent; from the root meaning to bend a bow, to circle, same root as the rainbow/qeshet, the covenant promises and reminder!

Remember names are prophetic declarations! This lineage is revealing the purpose they've been entrusted with and the mindset they have! It seems to reveal that they understand the purpose and intent of sending the house into exile and the hiding of His face – it is because Israel due to their actions has incurred the cup of bitter waters of jealousy. Yet there is a redemption plan set into motion regarding the one who will drink on their behalf at a set time in the future (the Messiah)! It seems Mordecai's lineage is charged with enlightening – proclaiming this truth regarding the Light of the World by whose stripes we are healed. And for those who have ears to hear (shema'), in the midst of His Face being hid, they will see the manifestation of His Name because this is His covenant promise!

Jeremiah confirms this same message! **Jeremiah 29:13-14** – “And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith Yahweh: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith Yahweh; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.”

Seek: Strong's #1245 baqash שְׁקַח to seek, require, desire, exact, request; also used to refer to seeking the face of Yahweh referring to the method of the High Priest seeking an answer via the Urim and Thummim delivered from Yahweh above the mercy seat from between the 2 Cherubim (*Parkhurst*) – with the Glory gone from the physical Temple, exactly where is Israel to seek this? He's still dwelling in the midst of the Cherubim – He can be found traversing the heavenly circuit at the set mo'edim!

Search: Strong's #1875 darash שְׁרַח to resort, to seek, enquire; also to rub, beat, trample or tread with the feet, in other words to beat a path from frequent use – Jeremiah is revealing the method of return from captivity! When we are stirred to seek the Face that has been hidden and return to the paths/circuits to meet with Him at His set times, He will be found and seen! This is the same message encoded in the lineage of Mordecai!

Est. 2:7 – “And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther...”

Brought up: Strong's #539 'aman עָמַן to support, confirm, be faithful, established, stand firm; but also can infer stays or props in a building, or thresholds which keep the doorposts steady – doorways, access, covenant

Hadassah: Strong's #1919 Hadassah הַדָּסָה myrtle; this name is seen only in this verse and here it is written as 'Et-Hadassah אֵת-הַדָּסָה – Mordecai is faithful to establish and support the threshold of the doorway that enables access to the Aleph Tav הַתָּא! And if what we've proposed regarding the doorway Adam has first revealed to him – the doorway of the mo'edim/feasts, then Mordecai is a guardian of the covenant calendar!

*Encoded in the name Hadassah (myrtle – which by the way is one of the branches noted as being used to build the sukkah's for Sukkot in Nehemiah) is the 2 letter root סַד – a doorway to the endless and ever ascending spiral of Yah's Glory in the universe! The mirror image of this forms sod – סָד council, but takes on the added dimension of assembly, a sitting together to engage in familial conversation, or to have secrets revealed. Indicates a gathering of one's closest companions who are privy to one's innermost thoughts and plans! In fact, the deepest level of understanding the Torah is referred to as the Sod level!

Let's take a short aside and look a little closer at the letter ס – Hadassah – the door to the ס, connected to the Sod place of Yah! Samekh is the 15th letter and has the numerical value of 60. There is a direct numerical connection to the Priestly Benediction (Numbers 6:23-27 as it is composed of 15 words and 60 letters). The Priestly Blessing became a spiritual doorway through which the NAME of Yahweh, His Presence, His FACE was revealed to, placed upon, and surrounded Israel!

In Song of Solomon 3:7 – "Behold his bed, which is Solomon's; threescore (60) valiant men are about it, of the valiant of Israel." The intimate place of the King of Peace is surrounded by 60 warriors...the intimate Sod place of Yahweh Shalom is surrounded by the 60 letters of the Blessing ס that guards those who enter!

*Further cementing this as the mystery behind Esther, Hadassah = 74, the same value as צָד testimony, witness, root stem of mo'ed מָעוֹד feasts/appointments – she stands as a witness to the mo'ed that guard the intimate place of the King! 74 is also the value of sabiyb סָבִיב a circuit, to go round about!

Hadassah/Esther was the daughter of Abihail: Strong's #32 'Avichayil אָבִיכָּיִל my father is might; from the root #2428 chayil חַיִל strength, might, efficiency, army; from the root #2342 chuwl חַוָּל to twist, to whirl, dance, labor to bring forth, to turn round in a circle/dance in a circle - intricately connected to the cyclical nature of the mo'edim and calendar of Yahweh that makes a complete 360 degree/day circle!

Could these prophetic names reveal Mordecai and Esther's role as used by Yahweh to preserve for the remnant the doorway that granted access to His Glory and Presence! In the midst of the hiding of His face, for those who were diligent to seek Him, He was still able to be found within the proper timing of His mo'edim, and those who accessed this door

were invited to be part of His council – His sod companions, trusted with His innermost thoughts and plans as they danced/made their circuit alongside Him and saw the promises born in their lives!

Continuing to dive into this book, with the understanding that this has everything to do with a hiding of the FACE, therefore a concealing of the proper calendar calculations as Israel has willfully chosen to reject their covenant responsibilities, and simultaneously a disseminating of Israel into the nations (once again a hiding of the FACE – Name/Seed), we now can understand that its purpose is two-fold! It preserves the true place of intimacy from defilement by the enemy while simultaneously extending mercy to the wayward bride for a season to cultivate within her a repentant heart! Yet amid this, there are still trusted Sod individuals who guard and proclaim the way for those with ears to hear!

Seeming to further confirm this, the book of Esther immediately starts with clever calendar hints! **Esther 1:1** – “Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, (this is Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, over an hundred and seven and twenty provinces:)”

*At this point in time there were 4 main calendar systems in play across this vast Persian empire utilized by the different Jewish sects! The 4 being 1) adding a 2nd 12th month/Adar 2) adding a 2nd 6th month/Elul 3) a true 360-day calendar 4) a 354-day lunar calendar. Key dates are joined together by spaces of 127 days on each of the above calendar systems!

(For more info: <https://e-journals.ku.lt/journal/AB/article/1325/info>)

Yet this number 127 also reveals a direct connection to the role of the Bride! 127 is the age of Sarah at her death! **Gen. 23:1** – “And Sarah was an hundred and seven and twenty years old: these were the years of the life of Sarah.” – Remember the mo’edim and calendar are for the purpose of accessing the intimate place, a meeting between the Bride and her Groom. Yet it’s clear she has been guilty already of being unfaithful. So, when Esther reveals that this Persian king rules over 127 provinces it’s a direct clue that the enemy is attempting to manipulate these appointments and therefore have access to compromise the Bride and lead her further down a path of destruction!

127 is also the value of מְלִיאִים millu’im from the root #4394 millu’ מִלּוּ meaning setting or installation of stones in High Priest breastplate and ephod! The same stones that Lucifer once had access to (**Ezekiel 28:14** – “Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of Elohim; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.”) – later these same stones became a symbol of the 12 tribes of Israel, and a means of communication between Israel and Yahweh! As Israel is scattered in exile, Lucifer seeks to once again gather these stones and use them to communicate and disseminate his message! The number one means to do so is by luring them into meeting at set appointments!

“...this is Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia...”

India: Strong’s #1912 Hodu הָדוּ flee away or give thanks; according to *Abarim Publications* the root comes from the Hebrew meaning snake charming! Hadah הָדָה to handle snakes or

charm snakes! Hodu also has the value of 15 = הָדָה Yah (the shortened form of Yahweh) as well as corresponds to the 15th letter – ה which connects specifically to the spiral of the Glory of Yah as well as His Sod place (secret intimate counsel)! Ahasuerus acts in the role of an anti-messiah figure who like the Nachash/snake charmer/enchanter in the Garden attempts to gain access to the Sod intimate place of Yahweh via manipulating the Bride!

*Can you now see why Mordecai admonishes Esther to conceal her lineage and identity! She is the daughter of the circuit who holds the key to accessing the sod place of the King – the very stone this snake charmer seeks. Yet she is hidden for a season and strategically placed by the hand of Yahweh Himself to preserve His people!

Even Unto: Strong's #5704 'ad עַד as far as, even unto; but it's the same root stem of mo'ed מָוֶד feasts/appointments; it can mean a witness or testimony, or a symbol established to confirm a covenant

*His rule is established and confirmed by his subjects choosing to meet with him at these set appointments (mo'ed) which confirm they've entered into covenant with him! It's the law established by Yahweh Himself in His Torah and the purpose for His own mo'edim! The enemy understands the power of this and therefore seek to seat himself in this place.

Ethiopia: Strong's #3568 Kush כּוֹשׁ black; 1st seen in Gen 2:13 – "And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia." The Gihon Spring is where the anointing and proclaiming of Israel's kings took place and was directly associated with the Melchizedek Priesthood! This is what the nachash seeks and desires – to hold this role, to be seated in this place!

All these machinations come to a head as Yahweh moves to preserve His people, and from this comes the celebration or observation of Purim! Esther 9:26 – "Wherefore they called these days Purim after the name of Pur. Therefore for all the words of this letter, and of that which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come unto them"

Purim: Strong's #6332 Pur/Purim פּוּרִים lots or piece; from the root to break or crush; gematria = 336, the same as merots (#4793) מְרוֹץ running, race, course; seen in Ecclesiastes 9:11 – "I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race/merots is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all."

*Merots comes from the root ruts (#7323) רָץ to move swiftly, to run, seen in Ps. 19:5 referring to the Sun as a Bridegroom coming out of his chamber to run/ruts a race – the circuit in the heavens!

Chance: #6294 pega' פְּגָעָה an occurrence, a happening, chance; from #6293 paga' פְּגָעָה to encounter, to meet, reach, entreat, make intercession, to strike a covenant with to make peace; same term is seen in Gen. 28:11 – "And he lighted/paga' upon a certain place, and

tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep."

*It is here that Jacob dreams of the Sullam/Ladder! He gathers stones around his head as he prepares to lay down. Is it possible that he gathered 12 stones around his head following the pattern of the 12 zodiacal houses in the heavens revealing his understanding of the promises given to Abraham? In fact $paga' = 153$, the same value as *benei' Elohim* – sons of Elohim! Jacob was entering into a covenant of peace with Yahweh presenting himself willingly as a vessel through which the heavenly message could be declared on the earth! Yahweh responds with revealing His Sullam (cognate of *semel* – image – the Manifestation of His FACE – the Messiah)!

All 12 stones are circled around the sullam just like the 12 tribes encamped around the pillar of the GLORY over the Tabernacle! This same imagery is seen in the constellational signs in one of the decans of Pisces – the zodiacal sign associated with the 12th month during which Purim takes place! It is the sign called Cepheus or 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 – exactly what Jacob sees and acts out!

It's no accident that Haman & Ahasuerus, the ruling powers of Persia, who study the stars anticipate and understand there's soon to be a shift in power. The ruling sign in the heavens is shortly to transition from Aries to that of Pisces – signaling the coming of Messiah. Yet just as Pharaoh previously attempted to counterfeit and place himself in that position by usurping the sign of Taurus (the bull – Joseph), so the enemy once again is attempting to situate himself as Tzemach – the Branch, the King ruling over the 12 houses! Yet those 12 houses (Israel) are scattered and hid among the nations to be preserved and will only be gathered and restored by the true Tzemach who came for the lost sheep of the house of Israel – the Messiah!

It's no coincidence that the ruling powers that follow Persia, Rome has attempted to usurp this sign as the pope wears the fish hat (pointing back to Dagon, the Babylonian god) and his attempt to masquerade as Tzemach, the ruling sign of Pisces. He seeks to control the inheritance, the seasons and appointments, and searches for the fish. Yet he himself is a tool in the hands of Yahweh - **Jer. 16:16** – "Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith Yahweh, and they fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks."

The signs are once again about to shift to Aquarius. And once again the enemy will attempt to counterfeit this role, and his search will increase in danger and violence.

Aquarius in Hebrew comes from דָּלִי Deliy (#1805) translated as bucket for holding water, and has a numerical value of 44 – the same value as חֹיל to twist, to whirl, dance, labor to bring forth, to turn round in a circle/dance in a circle – the root of Esther's father's name! It seems to reveal that those who are walking the circle, who know the timing of His coming, will find themselves in the Presence of the Tzemach who will pour forth living water, not deceived by the counterfeit. A restoration of the face that was hidden!