

Purim 2026

I don't normally have so much for Purim, but tonight, please pay attention! There is a prophet swirl of divine activity unfolding before our very eyes (as I mention at intercessory prayer last Monday). Purim is a commemoration celebration, not a Biblical Feast, yet there are many mysteries connected to this celebration. Purim is a holiday that invites us to embrace the hidden, the paradoxical, the prophetic, and the unknown. The story of Purim reflects the concealment of the Divine and the profound spiritual lessons that arise when we step into the unknown. It challenges us to find meaning and connection amid mystery. These mysteries and themes are central to the Purim experience, offering a deeper understanding of the celebration and its significance in both Jewish history and prophecy.

We're currently, and will experience in the next few days, a sky filled with heavenly celestial signs. Currently, the world is watching the escalating tension between Iran, Israel, and the United States, the heavens are displaying a rare celestial sign: a six-planet alignment, called a planetary parade. Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune will be visible in the evening sky in a line low on the western horizon. Start looking about 30-60 minutes after local sunset on this Saturday, February 28th. This is a rare event that occurs typically every 10-20 years. This planetary parade is immediately followed by a total lunar eclipse, a "blood moon" that falls on Purim, taking place early Tuesday morning, March 3rd (We can view it between 6 and 7 A.M. EST) For believers and watchers of prophetic world events, these celestial convergences are difficult to ignore.

Scripture explicitly states that the heavens serve more than astronomical purposes. Genesis 1:14 declares that: "God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to divide the day from the night; let them be for signs, seasons, days and years;" The Hebrew word for "signs": "oth". A signal (literally or figuratively), a divine flag, beacon, omen, prodigy, evidence, miracle, a sign, a token. It often refers to markers or signals pointing to a significant move of God. Signs (Oth's) serve as divine instruments through which God communicates His prophetic will, authenticates His messengers, reveals His power and glory, and serve as warnings of pending judgment.

Throughout Scripture, heavenly phenomena accompany pivotal moments:

The star of Bethlehem announced Yeshua's birth. Darkness covered the land during Yeshua's crucifixion. Prophetic passages in Matthew 24, Luke 21, Daniel, and Revelation describe cosmic disturbances preceding the return of Messiah. In

biblical theology, signs in the heavens are not random--they are divine punctuation marks in the story of redemption.

Nazi's and Purimfest 1946 Started this modern phenomenon. On 1 October 1946, after 216 court sessions, the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg delivered its verdicts sentencing the leaders of the Nazi party to death by hanging. The author of the following account, Kingsbury Smith of the International News Service, was chosen by lot to represent the American press at the execution of ten of those leaders and gave a firsthand account of what happened. I'll read his report:

Nuremberg Gaol, Germany - 16 October 1946 - International News Service

...Julius Streicher made his melodramatic appearance at 2:12 a.m. While his manacles were being removed and his bare hands bound, this ugly, dwarfish little man, wearing a threadbare suit and a well-worn bluish shirt buttoned to the neck but without a tie (he was notorious during his days of power for his flashy dress), glanced at the three wooden scaffolds rising menacingly in front of him. Then he glanced around the room, his eyes resting momentarily upon the small group of witnesses. By this time, his hands were tied securely behind his back. Two guards, one on each arm, directed him to Number One gallows on the left of the entrance. He walked steadily the six feet to the first wooden step but his face was twitching.

As the guards stopped him at the bottom of the steps for identification formality, he uttered his piercing scream: 'Heil Hitler!' The shriek sent a shiver down my back. As its echo died away an American colonel standing by the steps said sharply, 'Ask the man his name.' In response to the interpreter's query Streicher shouted, 'You know my name well.'

The interpreter repeated his request and the condemned man yelled, 'Julius Streicher.' As he reached the platform Streicher cried out, 'Now it goes to G-d.' He was pushed the last two steps to the mortal spot beneath the hangman's rope. The rope was being held back against a wooden rail by the hangman. Streicher was swung suddenly to face the witnesses and glared at them. Suddenly he screamed, 'Purim Fest 1946.'

Streicher had been a Nazi since early in the movement's history. He was the editor and publisher of the anti-Semitic newspaper "Das Strummer." In May of 1924 Streicher wrote and published an article on Purim titled "Das Purimfest" (The Festival of Purim). In order to publish his vitriolic attack Streicher must have had a good deal of knowledge about Jewish thought and practice. However we can only speculate to what extent he was aware of the remarkable parallels between Haman and his own execution. However, they are indeed striking:

Esther 9:6-10 (TLV). In the citadel at Shushan the Jews killed and destroyed 500 people, ⁷ including Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha, ⁸ Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha, ⁹ Parmashta,

Arisai, Aridai and Vaizatha, ¹⁰ the 10 sons of Haman, the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews. They slew them but did not lay their hands on the plunder.

After the first day's success the king asked Esther in

Esther 9:12-14 (TLV). Then the king said to Queen Esther, "The Jews have killed and destroyed 500 men in the citadel of Shushan, including Haman's ten sons. What have they done, in the rest of the king's provinces? Now what is your request? It shall be granted to you. What other petition do you have? It shall be done." ¹³ "If it please the king," Esther said, "let the Jews in Shushan be allowed to carry out today's edict tomorrow also, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged on the gallows." ¹⁴ The king commanded that this be done. A decree was issued in Shushan and they hanged Haman's 10 sons.

If Haman's ten sons had already been killed on the first day, how could they be hanged? If we examine the list of Haman's sons three in the Megilla, some letters are written smaller: the tav of Parshandata, the shin of Parmashta and the zayin of Vizata.

Those three letters together form taf-shin-zayin, the last three numbers of the Jewish year 5707, which corresponds to the secular year 1946, the year that those ten Nazi criminals were executed.

The Nuremberg trials were a military tribunal and thus the method of execution was usually by firing squad. The court, however, prescribed hanging. Esther's request "let Haman's ten sons be hanged on the gallows" echoes down through the ages. Amazingly, Streicher saw the historic link between the Nazi genocide and the attempted genocide of Haman, who, like the Nazis, also intended to wipe out every Jew – man, woman and child.

As the Megilla recounts, a decree that the king has sealed cannot be rescinded, and thus Achashverosh had to promulgate a second decree to allow the Jewish People to defend themselves. In other words, that first and second decree were never nullified. It still stands in effect today! We have this Persian decree that commands our demise and second one that allows us to defend ourselves against the first decree! They have not and cannot be rescinded!

Just as Purim transformed Haman's genocidal plan into his own demise, political events surrounding Iran are gearing up to do the same today. Earlier this month, Hamidreza Haji Babaei, the deputy speaker of the Majlis (Iranian parliament), issued a personal threat aimed directly at the president of the US. He stated:

"In about a month, we will recite the funeral prayer for Trump, the United States, and their allies," he said. He issued his threat exactly one month before Purim.

Similarly, last week, President Trump issued what amounts to an ultimatum to the Islamic Republic of Iran: reach a deal on your nuclear program within 10 to 15 days, or face military consequences. The deadline lands squarely on the eve of Purim.

Preceding this was a 5.5 magnitude earthquake that hit southern Iran's "Fars" province on February 19, 2026, 11 days before Purim, shaking the exact region where Cyrus the Great built his empire in 559 BCE. A place that every Jew on earth knows by name. Ancient Sushan, the city of Esther, the city of Mordecai, the city where the Jewish people once came within a decree's breadth of annihilation and where God turned the tables on their would-be destroyers. The Purim story does not end with Jewish suffering and demise. It ends with the complete inversion of the decree: those who sought to destroy the Jewish people were themselves destroyed. Is it about to happen again?

Hours later after the earthquake, President Trump, aboard Air Force One, gave Iran a hard deadline: 10 to 15 days maximum to reach a serious nuclear deal or face severe consequences. Placing this right upon Purim!

What does it mean when a quake erupts from Cyrus's ancestral soil, and this year America marks 250 years of independence, and Purim nears its 2500th observance, and a U.S. president sets a 10-15 day ultimatum just days before the festival of reversal?

The Bible answers through the structure of Jubilee and the unbroken chain of Purim. Leviticus commands the Jubilee as the 50th year after seven cycles of seven:

Leviticus 25:8-10. In addition, you must count off seven Sabbath years, seven sets of seven years, adding up to forty-nine years in all. ⁹ Then on the Day of Atonement in the fiftieth year, blow the ram's horn loud and long throughout the land. ¹⁰ Set this year apart as holy, a time to proclaim freedom throughout the land for all who live there. It will be a jubilee year for you, when each of you may return to the land that belonged to your ancestors and return to your own clan.

Yovel emphasized social justice, mercy, and God's desire for His people to experience freedom and renewal. The Jubilee year symbolizes a fresh start and divine grace, highlighting the importance of the number 50 in God's plan for His people. America's 250 birthday is five, 50 year periods. 2,500 Purim's are fifty,

50 years cycles. There is a powerful pattern through the number 50 being revealed for this Purim!

Just several years ago America stood on the brink of collapse through division, weak foreign policy, and rising threats from Iran and its proxies. In 2025 a new administration reversed that course with renewed sanctions, military buildup in the Gulf, and unwavering support for Israel. The 250-year milestone arrives as America pulls back from the edge, much like the Jewish people pulled back from Haman's decree in Persia.

Iran faces its own threshold. Sanctions have crushed oil exports, proxies like Hamas terrorists and Hezbollah bleed from losses, internal protests flare again, and the IAEA tracks enrichment nearing weapons-grade. The Presidents 10-15 day deadline adds direct pressure. The window ends just 11 days before Purim, the day the Jewish people rested after two days of fighting in Shushan. The timing aligns too tightly to ignore: a quake in Cyrus's land, a 250-year American turnaround, a 2500-year Purim arc, and a deadline 11 days before the festival begins. Throughout Scripture, the number 50 is associated with concepts of freedom, liberation, celebration, renewal, divine empowerment, and completion. The number 50 appears in other biblical contexts with a more somber meanings related to judgment and consequences. All eyes are upon Persia / Iran this Purim. Cyrus decreed in 538 BCE:

Ezra 1:2. This is what King Cyrus of Persia says: "The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth. He has appointed me to build him a Temple at Jerusalem, which is in Judah".

Persia birthed both the threat and the deliverer. Today the same soil shakes while a leader in Washington draws a line 11 days before Purim. The Temple Mount waits. Foreign structures and trees cover the site. Clear them. Build the house. The 50 sets of 50 Purim's and America's 250 years declare the pattern: threats rise, deadlines arrive, reversals happen. Jerusalem stands ready for its final restoration.

This is why it's so critically important to consume all of Adonai's word and be in alignment with His people and His calendar! An overwhelming majority of Christendom doesn't even know what Purim is, yet Adonai is about to do something extraordinary on this celebration! Stay alert and be ready! Adona is about to move mightily, watch and witness His mighty hand!