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- They quickly grew **divided**.
- A **national** holiday while in captivity.
- We had no **part** in winning.

2. A celebration of *life*

- Under the decree of death.
- Imagine the emotional impact.
- For the first time, they can breathe.
- Named it 'Purim', meaning 'lots', plural.
- The Fast of Esther.
- **Not** scripturally **mandated** high holy days.

3. A celebration of *remembrance*

- God's fingerprints **evident everywhere.**
- We are **forgetful** people.
- Set up **stones** of **remembrance.**
- Future **generations** needed to know.
- A stone called **Ebenezer.** The Lord's **Supper.**
- Looking **forward** to His soon **return.**
- **Modeling** an authentic **faith.**

- Tradition versus traditionalism.
- Under the thumb of a foreign tyrant.

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