

Newsletter for the Month of Adar 5783 by Sherry Lush

Greetings to All!

We pray you are all well and warm as we see a big cold front coming to the Northeast. We also pray you are finding many opportunities to spread the love and light of Yeshua to people who are lost and lonely. Even the headlines of our days give us open doors to tell people why we can have hope and joy. And of course, we join all of you in praying for our leaders, that they will come to know the Lord. We pray for violence and drugs to stop in our cities and our towns. We lift up Israel and their leaders and ask for wisdom to fill their minds and for the angels to protect the very borders of that Land and the people who live there. We ask for the Holy Spirit to convict and bring people to the One who loves them and has a great plan for their lives. We ask for boldness and love that will not allow us to be quiet as we spread the hope and longing that we have for the Lord to return. Lord, we ask you for miracles!

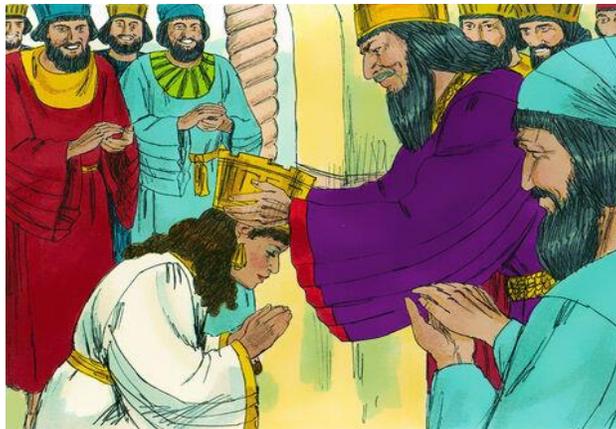
And now we turn the page on the calendar to the month of Adar.

The month of Adar is a month that beckons us to have joy, as it is a month of miracles. It was in Adar that the great leader of the children of Israel, Moses, was both born and died. Consequently, when wicked Haman cast "pur" to seek the best date to annihilate the Jews, and Adar came up, he was delighted, as this was the month their great leader had been born. Little did Haman know what lie ahead for him; that in the end, victory would belong to the Jews and Haman would hang. Though the Lord does not delight even in the death of the wicked, there is much to be joyful about as the tables were turned and great deliverance came to the Jewish people in the month of Adar.

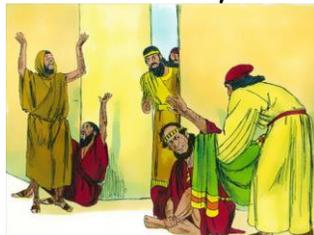


And the great drama of Adar unfolds with a monumental six-month party thrown by King Ahasuerus to display his extravagant wealth. Esther 1:2-4 "In those days when King Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the citadel, that in the third year of his reign he made a feast for all his officials and servants—the powers of Persia and Media, the nobles, and the princes of the provinces *being* before him—when he showed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the splendor of his excellent majesty for many days, one hundred and eighty days *in all.*" And would you believe after this party the King extended his invitation to the common people for another 7 days.

As the party continued, the King wanted his Queen Vashti to come out and display her beauty, but she refused and was banished by the furious king. Now Esther, the young Jewish girl enters a contest and like a Cinderella story, is chosen as the next Queen!

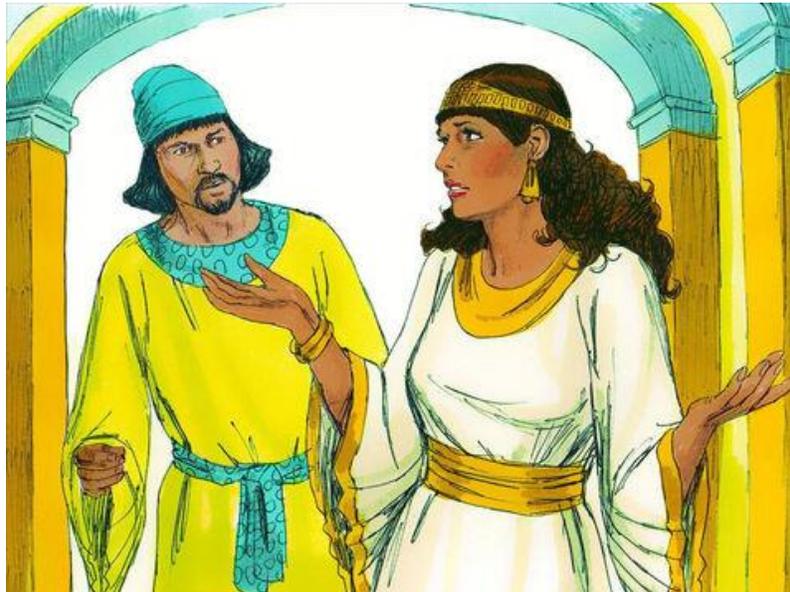


And the story of this young woman who is now the queen of the most powerful man on earth, begins. After a time, her Uncle Mordecai thwarted a plan to have the king killed, and as it turned out, he was never honored for this act to protect the king. And at the same time, there was a very wicked politician named Haman, who craved power and praise, and had convinced the king that all the Jewish people should be killed. It was also Uncle Mordecai who learned of this plan. Mordecai was in sackcloth and ashes crying out with a loud and bitter cry.

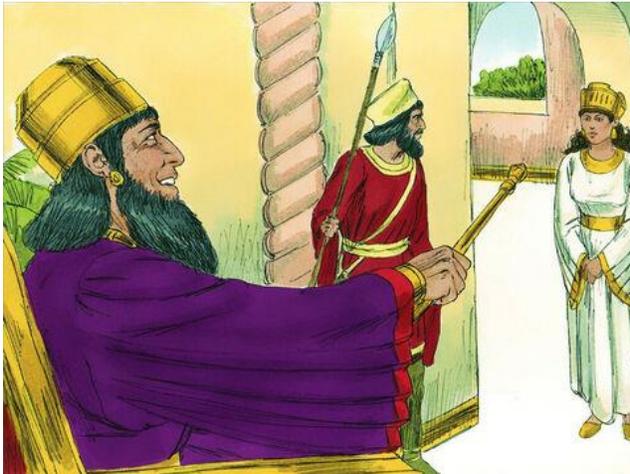


These cries were heard even at the palace gates, so Esther sent Hatach to see what was happening. Then Uncle Mordecai pleaded with Queen Esther to go to the King and to make supplication to him and plead before him for her people.

At first she was not willing to do this. She replied: *Esther4:11 "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that any man or woman who goes into the inner court to the king, who has not been called, he has but one law; put all to death, except the one to whom the king holds out the golden scepter, that he may live. Yet I myself have not been called to go in to the king these thirty days." Can you hear the fear in her voice? Can we relate to that if we compare her situation with you needing to go in to the President or to Putin and ask him to change his mind about what he is about to do? He had already signed a proclamation saying this would be done.



Then Uncle Mordecai relays to her the famous words: *Esther 4:13,14 "And Mordecai told them to answer Esther: 'Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?'"



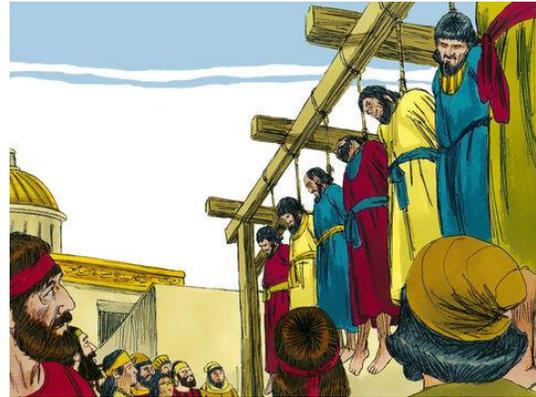
Those words pierced her heart and at risk of death she went into action. She called for all her people to pray and fast. Then with courage, she did go to the king without being beckoned, and he did hold out his scepter to her.

Now she invited the King and the wicked politician, Haman to two banquets. At the second banquet she said, *Esther 7:4-6 "For we have been sold, my people and I, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. Had we been sold as male and female slaves, I would have held my tongue, although the enemy could never compensate for the king's loss. So King Ahasuerus answered and said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who would dare presume in his heart to do such a thing?' And Esther said, 'The adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman!' So Haman was terrified



before the king and queen."

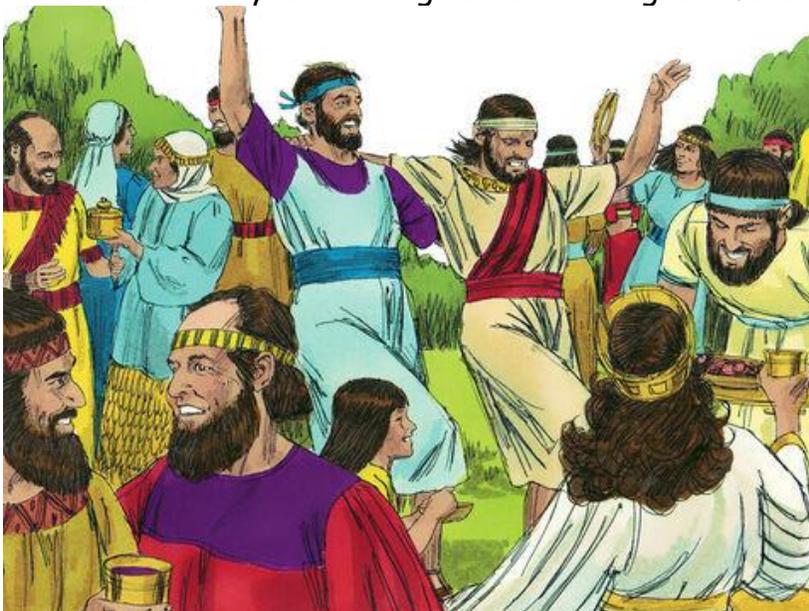
Storming out of the room, the King is furious and Haman fell across the couch where Esther was. The King saw this and thought he was attacking Esther and said, "Will he also assault the queen while I am in the house?" At that a bag was put over Haman's head and he was led out to be hung.



Esther again fell at the King's feet imploring him for mercy and he told Esther to write a decree which he would seal with his signet ring.



Now on the thirteenth day of Adar when the Jews were suppose to be annihilated, the opposite happened. Seventy-five thousand enemies were killed, but no plunder was touched. As you can imagine there was great feasting, gladness and celebration.



What is it that we can take away from this amazing story? The victory would never have happened without the courage of one person to put her life on the line for her people. She was wise She called for prayer and fasting. She was courageous in going to the King without being invited. She trapped the evil Haman and exposed his evil plans.

Queen Esther is such a picture of what the Bride will do in these last days. The Bride will build the kingdom and protect people in whatever ways the Lord lays out before her and she will not fear. She will know and believe that her God will allow her to do exploits.

*Please join us for a unique and exciting
Passover celebration.*

April 5th at 6:00pm

*Harbor Life Church - 4417 56th St. NW,
Gig Harbor 98333*

*Be sure to text or call for a reservation
as seating is limited.*

Dinner will be served.

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Shalom and Blessings to All!
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