

# ADAR II



5779 LEAP YEAR  
REVEALING THE CONCEALED





May it be thy will, Adonai our God and God of our forefathers, to renew for us Adar II for good and for blessing. Grant us long life, a life of peace, a life of goodness, a life of blessing, a life in which we earn a livelihood, a life of physical vigor, a life that reflects reverence for God and dread of sin, a life that is free from shame and disgrace, a life of wealth and honor, a life in which a love of Torah and an awe of Heaven shall be within us, a life in which the desires of our heart shall be fulfilled for good. Amen.

He Who performed miracles for our forefathers, and redeemed them from slavery to freedom, may He soon redeem us and gather our dispersed from the four corners of the earth, for all Israel is united in fellowship, and let us say, Amen.



# CHODESH ADAR II

13<sup>th</sup> Month (February-March)

- ❖ **Month:** Adar, meaning “fire, glorious, eminent, high, strength, threshing”
- ❖ **Tribe:** Naphtali, meaning “to wrestle”
- ❖ **Tribal Banner:** Hind
- ❖ **Mazel:** Dagim (fish) or Pisces
- ❖ **Sense:** Laughter



# ADAR II SUMMARY

Since this is a leap year with two Adars, I thought this was a great opportunity to give a teaching on Adar in Adar I, and then expand upon how Purim informs this season in the monthly cycle in Adar II. Thus, this video will primarily be a message on Purim. Please see Adar I's video for more detail on the attributes of Adar.



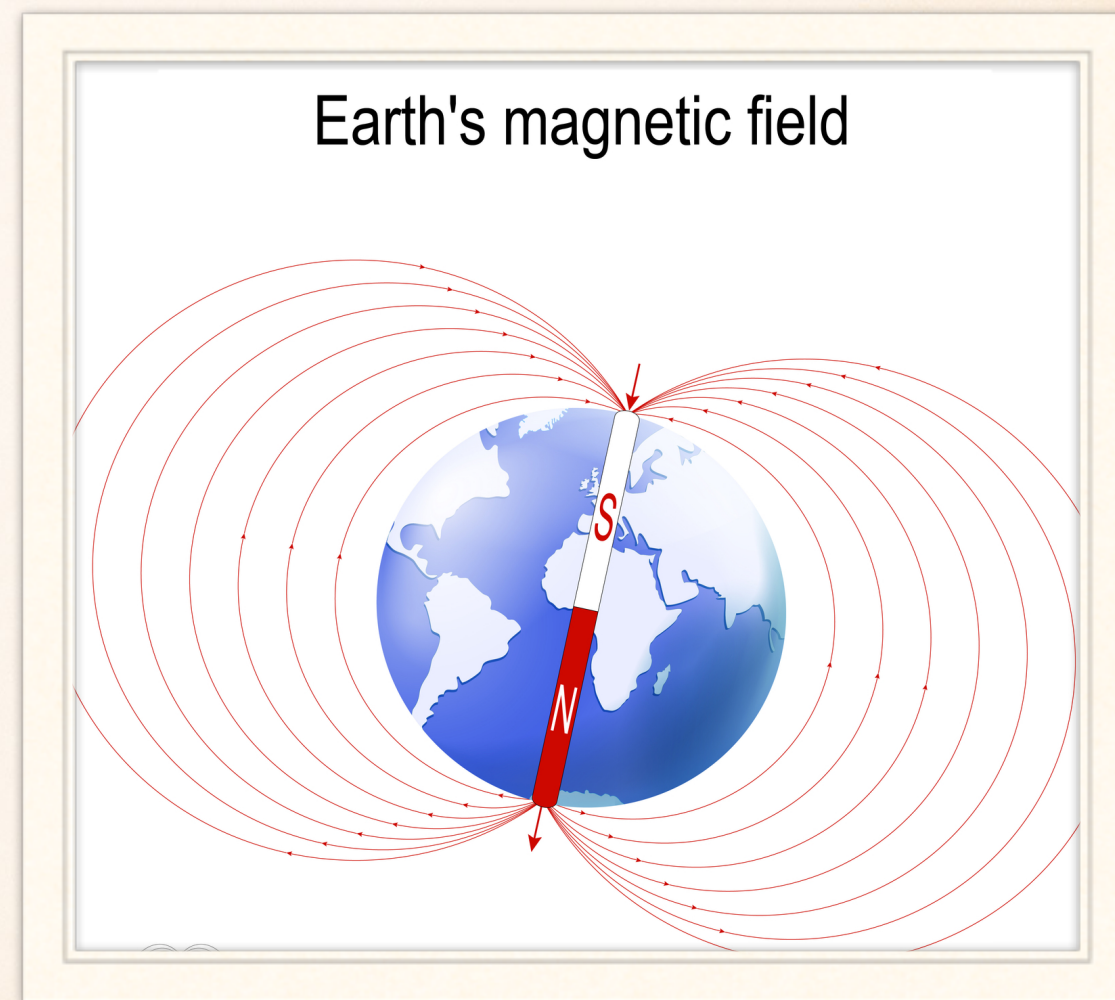
# DUALITY OF THE YEAR

Imagine a sphere with two poles, like the earth. The Jewish year has two “heads” or primary points of reference, just like those poles on the earth. Each end of the pole can easily be viewed as the beginning, or a cycle.

Our journey through the year is actually two journeys:

- From Tishri to Elul.
- And, Nissan to Adar.

Every day and every month on the Hebrew calendar is experienced on two levels.

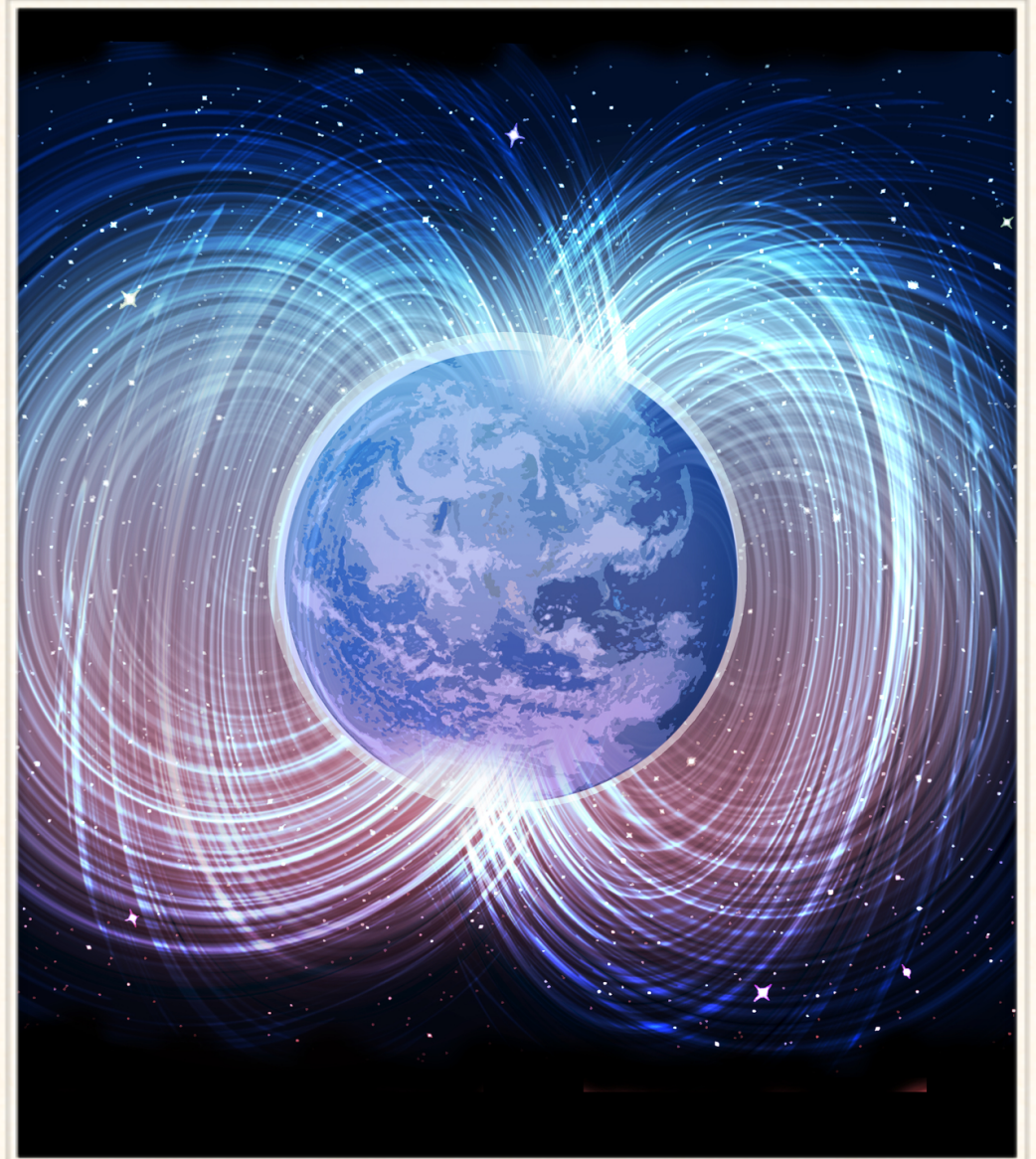




# TWO CYCLES

There is a head of years and a head of months. In western thought, the tendency is to see these two different cycles as only one, which results with a conflict to Jewish understanding. Often, this conflict is reduced to a battle between the written word and tradition.

But years are not months, and months are not years – even though they work and function together. A year is one full revolution that the earth makes around the sun, which equates to the moon going through 12 to 13 full cycles or phases. They are similar, and yet very different. Each are vital to one's understanding of the natural accounting of time, and one's spiritual understanding of God's prophetic calendar.





The calendar of Adonai is cyclical, not linear. Thus, Esther has something vital to teach about the beginning (Nisan) and the end (Adar). The beginning is the end; the end is the beginning, a cycle.



# ESTHER



## REVEALING THE CONCEALED





# MEGILLAH

H4039 מִגִּלָּה **megillâh** From H1556; a roll: - roll, volume. Total KJV occurrences: 21

H1556 (Strong) גָּלַל **gâlal** A primitive root; to roll (literally or figuratively): - commit, remove, roll (away, down, together), run down, seek occasion, trust, wallow. Total KJV occurrences: 18



# CHAMESH MEGILLOT

- ❖ Song of Solomon -  
Passover
- ❖ Ruth - Shavuot
- ❖ Lamentations - 9th of Av
- ❖ Ecclesiastes - Sukkot
- ❖ Esther - Purim





Jos 5:9 (NASB) Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have **rolled away** the reproach of Egypt from you." So the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day.

Ps. 42:7 (NASB) Deep calls to deep at the sound of Your waterfalls; All Your breakers and Your **waves (gal) have rolled over me**. (Psalm begins with the deer panting for water.)

Isa 34:4-5 (NASB) And all the host of heaven will wear away, And the sky will be **rolled up** like a scroll; All their hosts will also wither away As a leaf withers from the vine, Or as one withers from the fig tree. 5 For My sword is satiated in heaven, Behold it shall descend for **judgment upon Edom** And upon the people whom I have devoted to destruction.



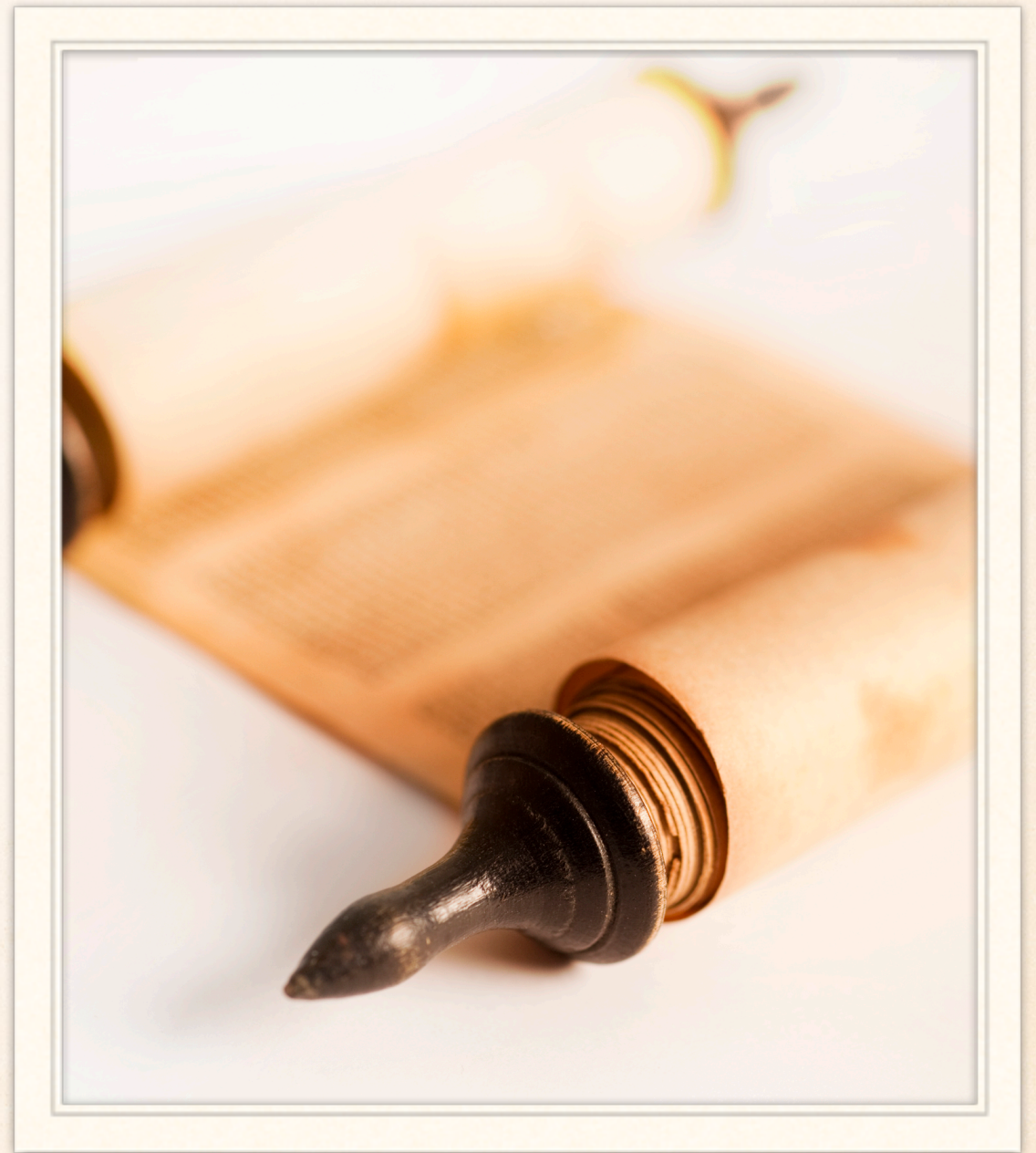
- גלול (gillul), meaning idols
- גלגל (galgal), wheel (Isaiah 5:28) or whirlwind (Psalm 77:18) and (gilgal), meaning wheel (Isaiah 28:28)
- גולגולת (gulgoleth), skull or head or a head- (skull-) count (Ex. 38:26, Num, 1:2, 1 Chron. 23:13).
- Gather one omer of manna per "skull" (see also Ex. 38:26 and Num. 3:47).

Words based on Galal (To Roll)	
גָּלַל	<b>Galal:</b> To Roll, Revolve
גִּלְיָל	<b>Galeel (Galilee):</b> Circuit, Circle, Ring.
גִּלְגֻּלְתָּא	<b>Gulgoltha (Golgotha):</b> The Place of the Skull where Jesus was crucified.
גִּלְגֻּלֶּת	<b>Gulgoleth:</b> Skull
גִּלְגָּל	<b>Gilgal:</b> Wheel, Rolling
גָּלְגַל	<b>Galgal:</b> Wheel, Rolling, Circle, Cycle, Whirlwind



# MEGILLAH = REVEALTION

- ❖ To unroll a scroll is to reveal the instruction or message inside.
- ❖ To roll something away is to uncover, to reveal.
- ❖ Book of Revelation in Hebrew is Hitgalut
- ❖ Exile = galut
- ❖ Redemption = guelah





# WHAT'S BEING REVEALED?

Hidden in the confrontation between Mordecai and Haman is the old enmity between Saul, a Benjaminite, and Haman's ancestor, Agag the Amalekite.

Further back, the enmity is between Amalek and Israel; even further back, between Ya'akov and his twin Esav.

Even further back, are the two trees in the Garden.

Son of Man is Revealed, as well as the man of sin.



# ESTHER



TOLD THROUGH TREES





Luke 21:25-22:1 (NASB) "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay **among nations**, in perplexity at the **roaring of the sea** and the waves, 26 men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 "Then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory. 28 "But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." 29 Then He told them a parable: "**Behold the fig tree and all the trees**; 30 as soon as they put forth leaves, you see it and know for yourselves that summer is now near. 31 "So you also, **when you see these things happening, recognize that the kingdom of God is near.** 32 "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all things take place. 33 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. 34 "**Be on guard, so that your hearts will not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day will not come on you suddenly like a trap**; 35 for it will come upon all those who dwell on the face of all the earth. 36 "But keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man." 37 Now during the day He was teaching in the temple, but at evening He would go out and spend the night on the mount that is called Olivet. 38 And all the people would get up early in the morning to come to Him in the temple to listen to Him. 22:1 **Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching.**



# ESTHER - PAGAN?

In Persian, Esther means star. It is cognate to the pagan deity Ishtar. Likewise, Mordecai's name is closely akin to Marduk, the patron god of the city of Babylon.

On the surface, a person might be tempted to write these names off (as pagan) or wonder why we use them at all.

But to do so, would be to act rashly and ignorantly, for there is no idle Word in Scripture. Perhaps, if we reserve judgment, Adonai will open our eyes to deeper truths. Offense is the bait in the trap of the enemy. Don't fall for it.

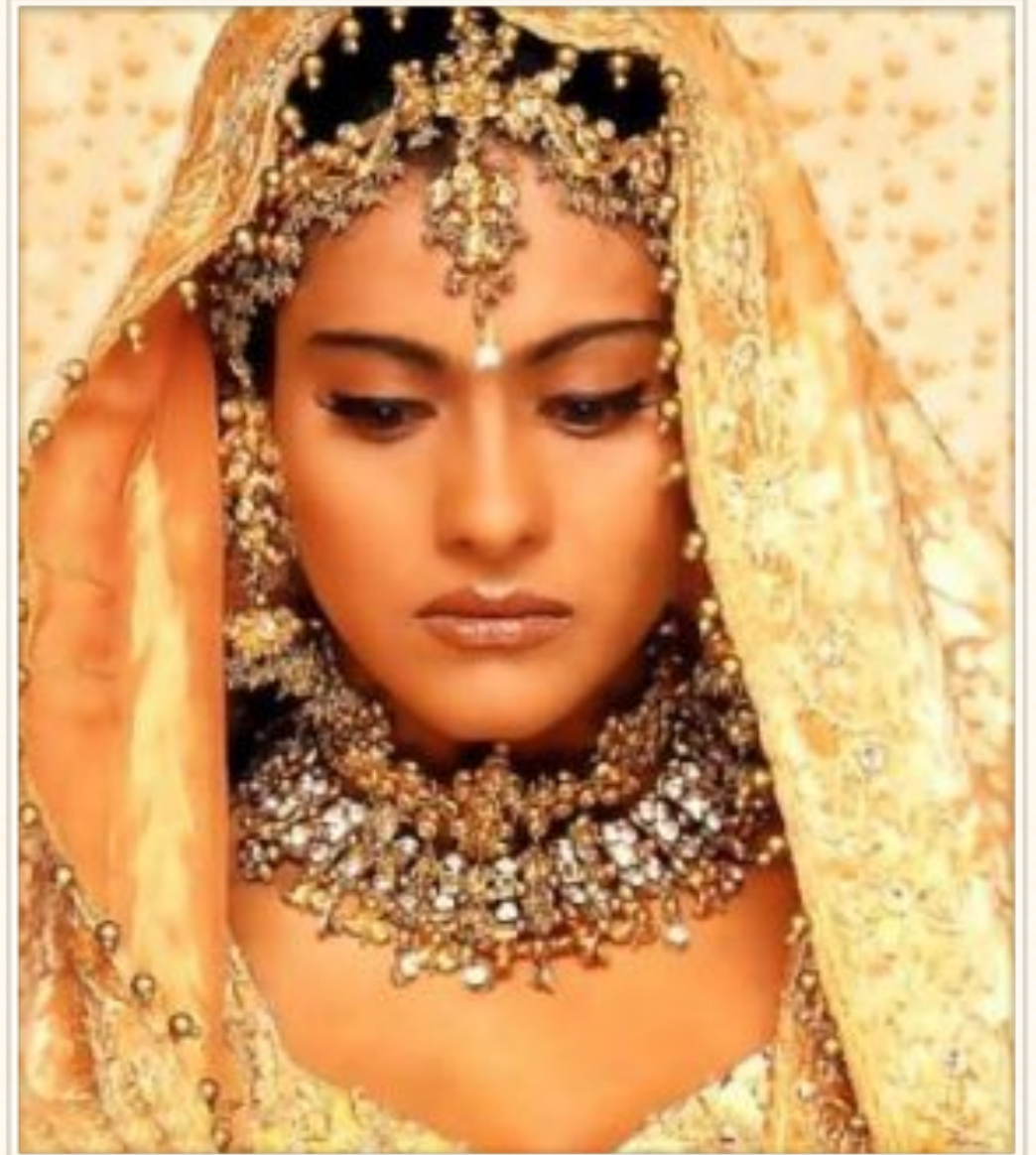


# ESTHER - HIDDEN

While Esther was a very common Persian name, the same sounds upon a Hebrew's ears would mean something far different than "star."

**The root of Esther in Hebrew is hester (הסתר) "Hidden."**

The root סתר (satar), means to hide or conceal. It has derivatives (סתר - seter, סתרה - sitra, מסתר mistar) that mean hiding place. Was Esther hidden? Was she a type of hiding place?





# ESTHER IN TORAH

Dt. 32:20 (NASB) "Then He said, '**I will hide** My face from them, I will see what their end shall be; For they are a perverse generation, Sons in whom is no faithfulness.

Since the Hebrew word for hide is esther, there is an allusion in the Torah in the above verse to Esther, because in her day HaShem hid His face. Even His Name is hidden in the book.

The costumes and the masks of Purim are all designed to underscore the essential hiddenness of this day. We are meant to wrestle (like Naphtali) with the many polarities in this story.



# THE WHOLE MEGILLAH

Megillat Esther  
could be translated  
as “The Revealing of  
the Hidden.”

Can you see behind  
the mask?





# HADASSAH

Esther's real name in Hebrew was Hadassah (myrtle branch).

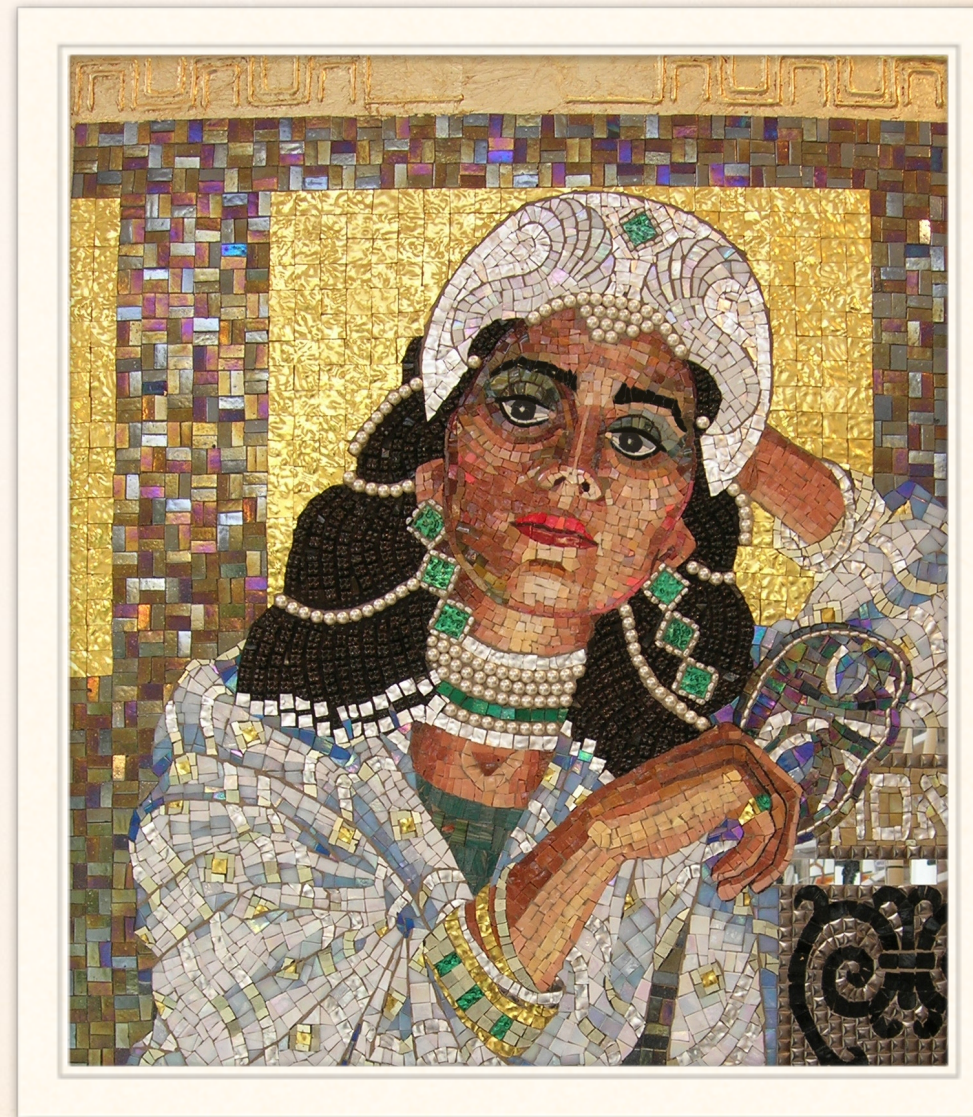
This was her hidden name, just as her nationality and God were hidden in this story of exile (galut), so is her name concealed, even from her husband, the king of Persia, only to be revealed in God's timing.





# ESTHER'S MYSTERIES BEHIND THE MASK

Although Esther puts on the mask of a Persian name, her Hebrew name is Hadassah, which means a myrtle tree. Myrtle is one of the leafy branches that is waved toward the four corners of the earth in the lulav<sup>7</sup> during the Feast of Sukkot. Esther's very name hints at Sukkot, and her status as an orphan and an alien in Persian exile also hint to Sukkot. Sukkot is an appointed time to welcome and do good to the stranger, alien, orphan, and widow. The 70 years of exile in Babylon allotted to Judah also allude to Sukkot, the Feast of the Nations, when 70 bulls were offered at the Temple during the moed (Feast). Seventy is a number that represents the nations. Israel went down to Egypt 70 in number, and the nations were divided according to that number. - Dr. Hollisa Alewine





# MORDECAI & MYRRH

In the Aggadah, Mordecai's name is interpreted to mean "pure myrrh" (*mor* myrrh, *decai* pure) for he was as refined and noble as pure myrrh (Meg. 12a).





# KING AHASUERUS

❖ Hebrew: Ahashverosh:

אחשורוש

- ❖ Name appears 30 times in Esther, but one time it is spelled oddly. (Esther 10:1)
- ❖ Two vavs are missing from his name, making his name more something like Ach-Shoresh.

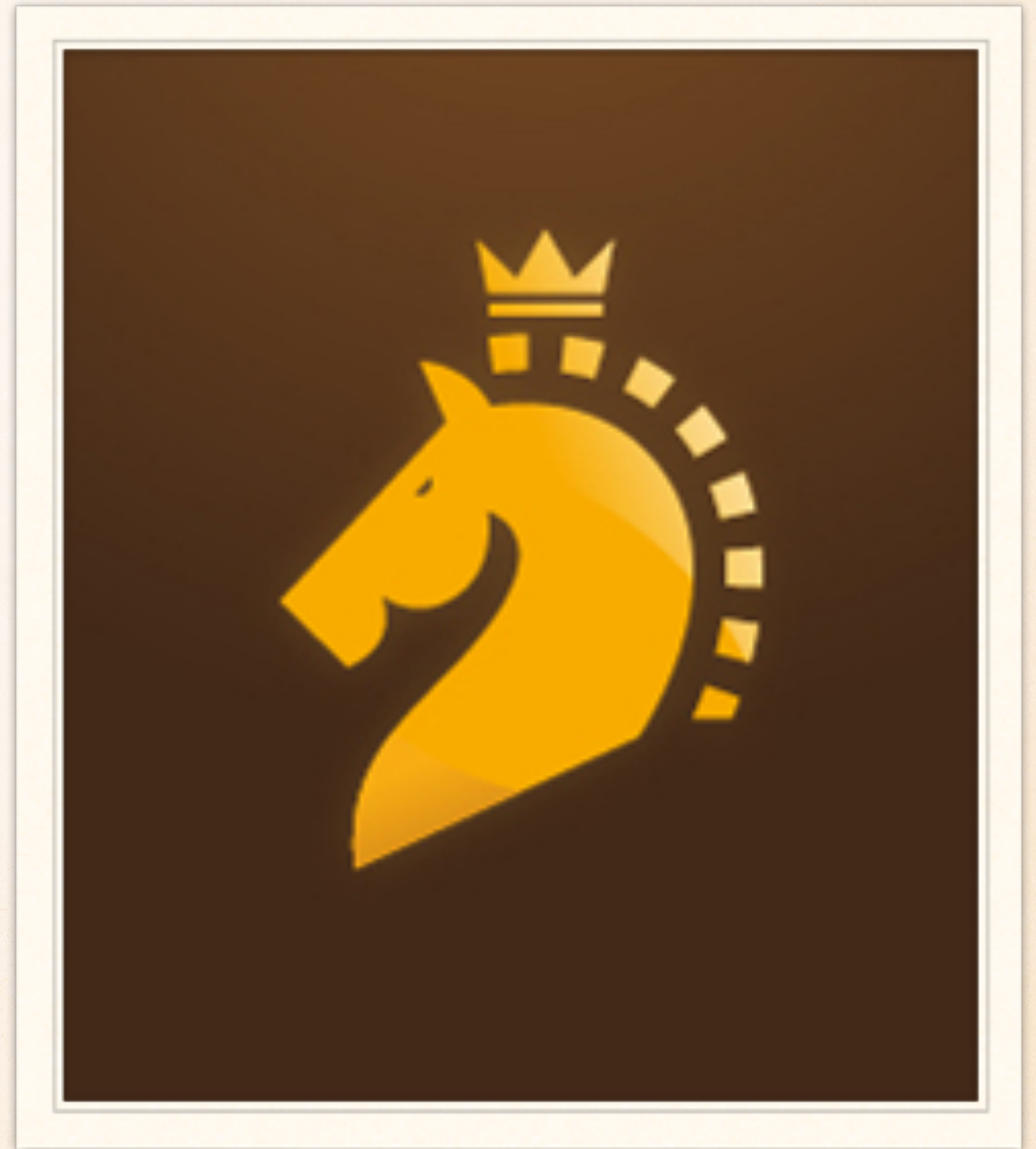
אחשרש





# WHAT WAS DIFFERENT ABOUT THE KING?

Est. 10:1-3 (NASB) Now King Ahasuerus laid a tribute on the land and on the coastlands of the sea. 2 And all the accomplishments of his authority and strength, and the full account of the greatness of Mordecai to which the king advanced him, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Media and Persia? 3 For Mordecai the Jew was second only to King Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews and in favor with his many kinsmen, one who sought the good of his people and one who spoke for the welfare of his whole nation.





# HAMAN, THE TREE?

Gen. 3:11 (NASB) And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten **from the tree** of which I commanded you not to eat?"

The phrase “from the tree” is ‘hamin haetz’ in Hebrew. Hamin (חַמֵּין) is spelled identical to Haman.

Often translated as “gallows,” Haman desired to hang Mordecai on a TREE, etz.

Est. 5:14 (YLT) And Zeresh his wife saith to him, and all his friends, 'Let them **prepare a tree**, in height fifty cubits, and in the morning speak to the king, and they **hang Mordecai on it**, and go thou in with the king unto the banquet rejoicing;' and **the thing is good before Haman, and he prepareth the tree.**



# THE GNARLED TREE

Haman is connected with the Tree of the Knowledge of good and evil. The mystics call the Tree of the Knowledge of good and evil, “the tree of doubt.” The Hebrew word for doubt (sufek) and the word Amalek share the same gematria, 240.

On a mystically level, Haman is The Tree (of knowledge of good and evil), Esau, Edom, Agag (Gog), and Amalek. Like the forbidden tree, fear and doubt masked with pride are its fruit.





# YHWH - HIDDEN

There are at least four times when the Name of HaShem appears in acrostic form embedded in the text of Esther.

- Esther 1:20 **ה**יא **ו**כל־**ה**נשים **י**תנו - Hi v'chol h'nashim yitnu. “It, and all the women will give.”
- Esther 5:4 **י**בוא **ה**מֶלֶךְ וְהַמָּן **ה**יּוֹם Yavo hamelech v'haman hayom “and let the king and Haman come today.”



# NAMING PURIM - PASSOVER

Est. 9:25-26 (NASB) But when it came to the king's attention, he commanded by letter that his wicked scheme which he had devised against the Jews, should return on his own head and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows. 26 **Therefore they called these days Purim after the name of Pur.** And because of the instructions in this letter, both what they had seen in this regard and what had happened to them.

Esther 9:25 When Esther came before the king, the scribe would say, Let the wicked plots which were devised against the Jews return upon the head of him who had devised them, and let him and his sons be hanged on the gallows. 26 **Therefore they called these days Porayey, [Hebrew, Purim] after the name Passover.** Because of all the words of this letter and of that which they had seen concerning this matter and because of that which has befallen them. - *Lamsa, George Mamishisho. Holy Bible (Kindle Locations 18587-18591). HarperOne. Kindle Edition.*



# PURIM CONNECTIONS



## LINKS TO THE MOEDIM





# PURIM & PASSOVER

The main part of the story in Esther took place during the week of Passover. There is no idle word or coincidence in the Bible.

- Haman cast infamous lots to set a date for the destruction of the Jews on the 13th of Nisan. (Est. 3:7,12)
- The third day, when Esther went in to see the king, would have been Nisan 15. Thus, the Jews of Susa fasted through Passover.
- Both Passover and Purim occurred outside the land, in Egypt and Persia.
- Both involved the near extermination of the people of Israel.
- Moses and Esther both appeared before foreign kings to rescue their people.
- Pharaoh's army and Haman both perished.



The judgment was perfect “middah ke-neged middah” or measure for measure. Pharaoh drowned in the water like the Hebrew babies he sentenced to death; Haman hung by the very gallows he prepared for Mordecai.

Pro. 26:26-27 Though his hatred covers itself with guile, His wickedness will be revealed before the assembly. 27 **He who digs a pit will fall into it, And he who rolls (galal) a stone, it will come back on him.**

- Adonai wars with Amalek in EVERY generation. (Ex. 17:16)
- As surely as Purim and Passover are connected, so all things in history are moving toward the day of Messiah.



# WINE OF PURIM & PASSOVER

**Eruvin 65a: “When wine goes in, the secret comes out.”**

The Torah is said to have “seventy faces.” (This implies the many facets of its truth.) The word for wine in Hebrew, יין yayin, equals seventy, as does the word sod, ‘secret’.

**Wine is the perfect symbol for the “concealed & revealed” theme in the Book of Esther. Wine can cause secrets to be revealed or true motives (or pain) to be suppressed or hidden. In this way, it is both concealer and revealer.**

It can depict joy and gladness, feasts and rejoicing, or it can represent drunkenness and dulled senses, which reaps the judgment and wrath of YHWH. Wine also represents blood, whether of the covenant or of judgment (destroyed flesh).





# FEAST DAYS & WINE

- Passover: Four cups, Judgment, Redemption
- Sukkot: Grape Harvest, Joy, Ingathering
- Purim: Concealed & Revealed

In a hidden way, Esther reveals each of the “bookend” festivals (Passover and Sukkot) of the LORD. Consider the two wine banquets of Esther. At the first banquet, Esther keeps her true identity concealed (Passover). At the second banquet, she reveals herself and Haman (Sukkot).



This activity is mirrored in the life of Joseph. (See Dr. Alewine)

- At their first reunion, Joseph keeps his identity hidden, but provides grain/life. (Passover) During their second visit, when ALL were present (including Benjamin, the tribe of Esther and Mordecai) Joseph revealed Himself to his brothers. (Sukkot)

Do you suppose this is like the first and second coming of Yeshua? At His first coming (Passover), His identity remained mostly concealed? That at His second coming (Sukkot), when every single representative of the tribes are present, that He will fully reveal Himself and the enemy?



# PURIM & YOM KIPPURIM

Yom Kippurim can be translated as “**a day like Purim.**” The Talmud, states that in the future all holidays will fall into disuse with the exception of Purim.

On Yom HaKippurim, we prepare for the fast by having a feast the day before. On Purim, we prepare for the feast by fasting the day before (Taanit Esther).



Notice the stark contrast in how each are celebrated: **Fast to Feast, Solemnness to Joy, Weeping to Dancing.**

If the end is the beginning and the beginning is the end, then Purim is both the end of the religious/festival year and the beginning, a picture of the fullness. (Highlight every time you see "7" in the Book of Esther.)

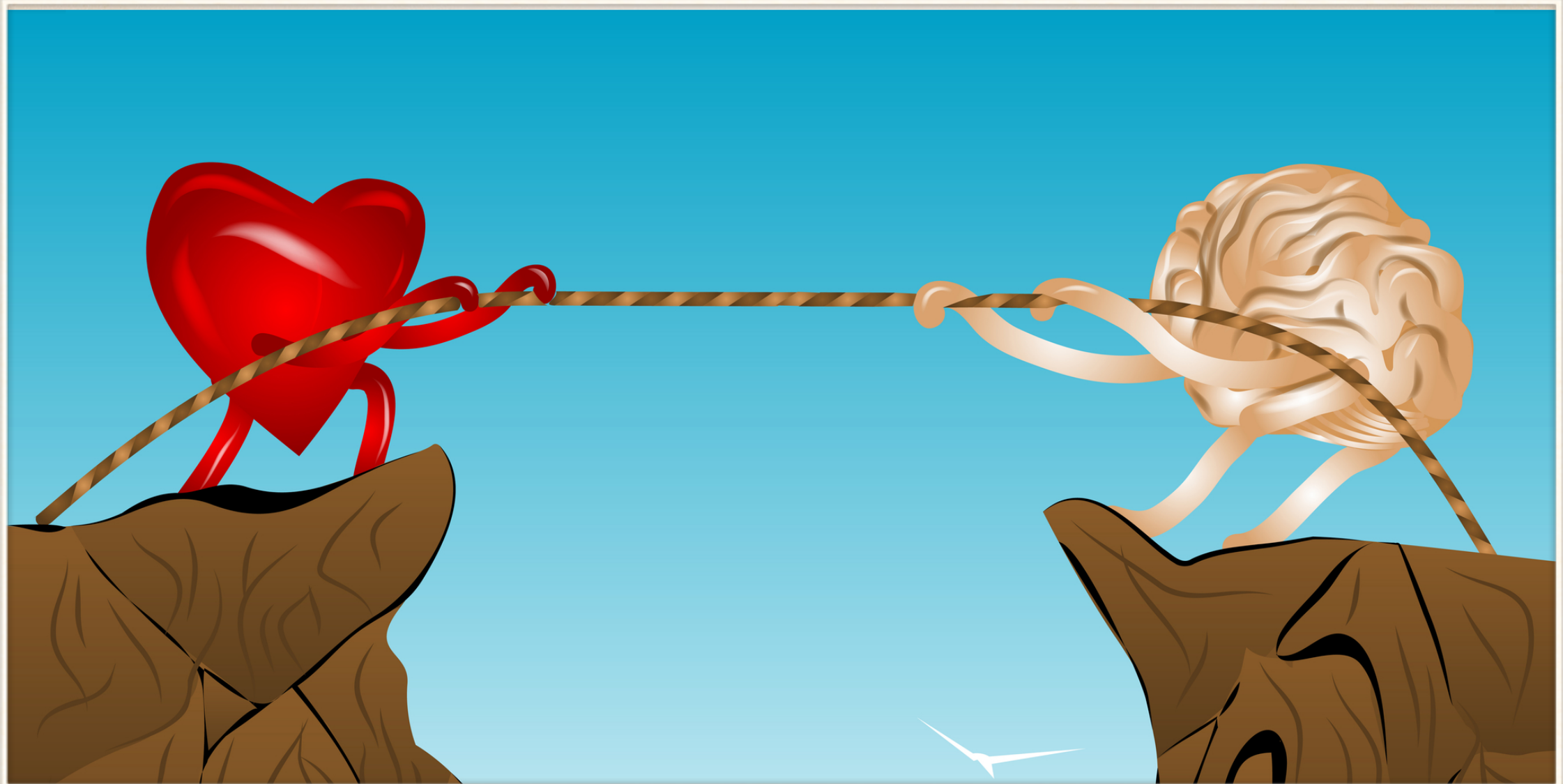
Together, Mordecai and Esther are a picture of the Holy Spirit preserving and saving God's people in the midst of spiritual Egypt/Babylon/Persia. **As a result, the fullness of the (hidden) nations comes out with them.**

*Est 8:17 In each and every province and in each and every city, wherever the king's commandment and his decree arrived, there was gladness and joy for the Jews, a feast and a holiday. And many among the peoples of the land became Jews, for the dread of the Jews had fallen on them.*



# THE WRESTLING CONTINUES

WARFARE





# THEMES

- ❖ Things are not always what they seem to be. Be careful how you judge other people's actions.
- ❖ God works through the natural creation. Trust that He is even in the so called coincidences and happenstances of your life.
- ❖ In order to see major plot reversals in your own life, you **MUST** be willing to become like Esther: "If I perish, I perish."
- ❖ It is difficult to receive counsel from others, especially when it the outlook is difficult, painful, or contrary to one's desires.



# CHECK YOUR MASK

- ❖ Are you hiding something? From Adonai? From others?
- ❖ Are you simply wearing a mask of obedience?
- ❖ Or, has Adonai been trying to Unveil you for a while and you've refused?
- ❖ The Dagim, Pisces, mirrors the hidden, below the surface, deeply concealed issues of one's warfare.



Mat. 10:26 (NKJV) Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.



Amalek (Esau) is the problem. Don't look at your neighbor, but  
at yourself.

- ❖ A lack of joy and even many types of depression are a direct result of ungratefulness.
- ❖ Doubting that Adonai knows what's best for you quickly leads to envy or coveting.
- ❖ Review the problems that plagued Esau, Amalek, Agag, and Haman, for they ARE us.

**It's time to prepare for Pesach!**



## 2Ti 3:1-9 (NASB)

1 But realize this, that **in the last days difficult times will come.**

2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,

3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good,

4 treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.

6 For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses,

7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these *men* also oppose the truth, men of depraved mind, rejected in regard to the faith.

9 But they will not make further progress; for their folly will be obvious to all, just as Jannes's and Jambres's folly was also.