



Purim

"Who knows but that you came to the kingdom for such a time as this".

These are the words that are most often associated with the festival of Purim. They are inspiring words and calls each one of us to courageously stand firm in our faith. It is a banner for us to hold up high as we walk through the darkest or hardest path we have ever encountered.

The words come from the book of Esther. The entirety of the book is ten chapters long and reads like a story. It tells of the divine deliverance of the Jews. Yet, there is not one mention of Yah's name through out any of it.

Though there is not one reference to YHWH's name, you can see how Yah's divine hand is woven in and out of the pages of this story. It will encourage you as you read. It truly is inspiring!

Purim is the festival that comes from these pages. It is not a commanded feast given from YHWH but one ordained by Esther herself for the Jews to remember their salvation that Yah provided.

Esth. 9:20 And Mordecai recorded these things and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, 21 obliging them to keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and

also the fifteenth day of the same, year by year,

9:32 The command of Queen Esther confirmed these practices of Purim, and it was recorded in writing.

With that being said, it is up to one's own desire whether or not to celebrate Purim. For those who choose to do so...It can be such a fun event!

There are many ways to celebrate. You can find the ways established by Mordecai and Esther here in chapter 9.

Esth. 9:22 ...as the days on which the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and gifts to the poor.

Ladies, many of you are desiring for an opportunity to give to others. Take advantage of this holiday and show Yah's love to those around you. It is a wonderful way to reflect His light!

Here are a few examples of what we like to do as a family. We like to celebrate both days!

We choose to read through the story of Esther, usually breaking the book into halves. It is a little bit lengthy for my children to hear all in one setting. I feel their attention to the details is greater that way. I think my attention is better too. :)

We also try to watch a movie about Purim. Afterwards, (and sometimes during) we talk about the differences of production and actual scripture that is represented on the screen. This really helps with both the visual and the audio learners in our family.

With addition to preparing a festive meal and sending food to others and

gifts to the poor, my children love to liven up our “banquet”. It’s fun to have a mini play. They love acting out the main parts of the book of Esther and dressing up as royalty with make-shift crowns. The girls dress in the frilliest of dresses they can find buried in their closets.

Our decorations and celebration may differ a little bit each year but we try and keep the main point the focus. It is how one person chose to humble herself and stand in the gap for her people when it would have been much easier to stay silent. It is about the deliverance of Yah’s people and how He puts His own into place to make that difference.

It is a lesson worth meditating on and teaching to our young ones for the times that are before us. "Who knows but that you came to the kingdom for such a time as this".

Happy Purim!

Growing in Him,
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