

Today, many Jews still celebrate the feast of Purim. The name Purim is derived from “the lot” which a Gentile, Haman, cast concerning the fate of the Jews when they were in Persia under King Ahasuerus. Haman, the villain in this story in the book of Esther, hated the Jews and sought to exterminate them. He got King Ahasuerus to allow him to issue a decree to annihilate all the Jews in one day - the thirteenth day of the twelfth month of Adar. However, God used Queen Esther and her uncle Mordecai, both Jews, to turn the tables on Haman and save the Jews. Haman was hanged on the very gallows that he had constructed for Mordecai! Then, the king allowed Queen Esther and Mordecai to issue a counter-decree to allow all the Jews to defend themselves and destroy their enemies in one day - the thirteenth day of the twelfth month of Adar! So instead of the Jews being exterminated on that fateful day, their enemies were destroyed! God turned an evil day for the Jews into good days. He turned their mourning into rejoicing, and gave them victory over their enemies.

God can do the same for you today. He only wants you to remain in your position of rest in Christ. You see, because of Jesus’ finished work at the Cross, you are seated in Heavenly places in Christ, far above every principality and evil assault Satan can throw at you. (Ephesians 2:6) Just as Mordecai sat within the king’s gate and refused to stand up and bow to Haman, let’s not ‘bow’ to Satan by being persuaded to move from our position of rest in Christ. Don’t allow him to get you worried, frantic, and doing things to save yourself. Queen Esther was also in a position of rest before Haman was executed. (Esther 7) She was seated on a couch as Haman pleaded with her for his life. While doing so, he accidentally fell over the couch where the queen was. The king, thinking that Haman was assaulting his queen, sent him to the gallows. Remain at rest in Christ’s finished work, and He will turn your evil day into days of rejoicing and feasting.

Esther 9:22 “Rest from their enemies...sorrow to joy...mourning to a holiday.”