

***“The Scripture method of imparting knowledge is not only the best, but unquestionably the most interesting. It doth not deliver its oracles after the cut and dried fashion of a creed... but it reveals its ‘wonderful things’ in narratives of creation; domestic troubles; of sin and murder; of violence...famines; pestilence and earthquakes; of invasions; massacres...religion, politics and superstition; of the foundation and overthrow of kingdoms, states and empires; of family histories in their minutest details; of personal adventure... accusations and vindication of character...the Bible is the most interesting and readable book in the world. It is intelligible in all its doctrines; but it reveals them so as to make it incumbent on the reader to reason them out...the language of the Bible is, ‘Come, let us reason together,’ and ‘prove all things’; hence ‘the deep things of God’ are addressed to faith, not implicit, but resulting from a devout examination of the wonderful details of this most extraordinary of all books.” John Thomas, 1847***

## Class Six—Jews Redeemed, Kingdom Grows

**Est 9:1** Now in the twelfth month, that *is*, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, *in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them;)*

**Eze 36:23-36** “I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen...*and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.* For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land...*And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited. Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate”*

## Punishment of Jews Turned Upon Their Enemies

Deu 28:28 “The LORD shall smite thee with *madness*, and *blindness*, and *astonishment* of heart”

- Bro. John Martin very astutely points out that the only place where these three Hebrew words “madness, blindness, and astonishment” appear together is in Zechariah—

Zec 12:4-6 “In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with *astonishment*, and his rider with *madness*: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with *blindness*. And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem *shall be* my strength in the LORD of hosts their God. In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, *even* in Jerusalem”

**Est 9:2** *The Jews* GATHERED THEMSELVES TOGETHER in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt: *and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them fell upon all people.*

**Est 9:3** And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants, and the deputies, and officers of the king, *helped the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them*

**Helped the Jews**—there are those among the Gentile nations, for reverence of Mordecai, that have and will assist God's people—

- It is the “ships of Tarshish” responsible for their regathering in the Land (Isa 60:1-22; 61:6). Likewise, when the Lord returns the “king of the south” will resist Gog (Dan 11); and Tarshish, Sheba and Dedan will fight on their behalf (Eze 38:13). As some nations seek to destroy the Jews, others will defend them.

**Jews Gathered Themselves Together**—Est 8:11; 9:2,15,16,18. The restoration of the Jews includes the smiting of the nations and the unification of Judah and Ephraim (see: Isa 11:10-13)

Est 9:4 For Mordecai *was great in the king's house*, and his FAME went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Mordecai *waxed greater and greater*.

**Waxed greater**—it is important to remember the establishment of the Kingdom of God is a development of time and includes a series of events; including the “fame” of Messiah (1Kin 4:30-31).

Dan 2:35 “The stone that smote the image *became a great mountain, and filled* the whole earth” (2Sam 3:1)

- A host of references teach that judgment, war, submission of nations, restoration of Jews, and reign of Christ occurs in a process of time. The government will “increase...” (Isa 9:7).

**Fame**—“LORD was with Joshua; and his *fame was noised* throughout all the country” Jos 6:27

- This word is used to represent the influence of Joshua (Jos 9:9), David, and Solomon (1Chr 14:17; 1Kin 10:1) upon Gentile lands; so much so, that they migrate to them in submission.

Est 9:5 Thus the Jews smote *all their enemies* with the stroke of *the sword*, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto *those that hated them*.

Est 9:6 And *in Shushan* the palace the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men \**sword—campaigns of Joshua*

*Enemies, Hated them—those influenced by Agag/Gog (Zec 10:5-7).*

*In Shushan—battle begins where Vashti was deposed: Jerusalem.*

Joel 3:12-16 “Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness *is* great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision. The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. *The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel*”

Zec 14:14 “And *Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem*; and the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance”

Zec 12:6-7 “In that day will I make *the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem. The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah*” (Jud 1:1-4)

- **Jews—45x in Esther. Conversion of the world through the Jews.**

Mic 7:16-17 “The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay *their* hand upon *their* mouth, their ears shall be deaf. They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, *and shall fear because of thee*”

Est 9:10 The *ten sons of Haman* the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, *slew them*; but on the *spoil* laid they not their hand. *The desire for worldly goods is not the motive*

**Upon the Spoil**—this is how they failed under Saul (1Sam 15:9,15)!  
**Ten Sons of Haman**—representative number (Gen 31:7); here signifying the nations associated with Gog (Eze 38:1-9). Figuratively, the “feet and toes” of Daniel’s image (Dan 2:41-42). Interestingly, there were “10” nations occupying the Land promised to Abraham (Gen 15:19-21). Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaims, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites, and Jebusites.

Est 9:13 Then said \*Esther, If it please the king, *let it be granted to the Jews* which *are* in Shushan to do *to morrow* also according unto this day's decree, and *let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows*. *\*Bride pursues further war*

**After the fall of “Gog” by Mordecai and Esther (Christ and the Saints), the “Ten” powers of Europe must then be subjected (Rev 17:12-14).**

Est 9:14 And the king commanded it so to be done: and the decree was given at Shushan; and **THEY** *hanged Haman's ten sons*. ***“they” —note the Jews’ participation in 10 sons’ fall***

**Ten Sons**—this is another amazing sequence of Bible prophecy. Gog destroyed (Est 7), Christ sends for a saving Law to the Jews (Est 8), then the European nations subjected (Est 9).

“Following the destruction of the Gogian confederacy at Armageddon, the Catholic countries of Europe will re-group under ‘the beast’ (Rev. 17:13), and will prepare to resist the demands and ultimatum of the king in Jerusalem (Psalm 2:10-12; Rev. 14:6-7). But without waiting for them to attack, he will invade their territories, and so ‘rebuke strong nations afar off’ (Mic. 4:3). In this work of conquest, he will use Israel after the flesh officered by the saints, and so re-formed into ‘a new sharp threshing instrument’ designed to thresh the nations (Isa. 30:27-28; 41:15-16)” —*HPM, Daniel Expositor, pg 70*

Christ's Return.... At the time appointed Resurrection and judgment of the household .....	10 years
Defeat of Gog and ultimatum to the nations .....	10 years
Destruction of the Papacy and Beast.....	30 years
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Establishment of the Millenium. Temple opened for service.....	50 years (Jubilee).

**HPM—Expositor, Revelation: the sequence of events upon the manifestation of Christ.**

**First Gog defeated, then destruction of the Papacy and the Beast follows.**

**Rev 17:12-14 “The ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them”**

**☐ “Thus will the ‘dragon’ (headed by Russia) be overthrown as a political force. But it will not end opposition to the reign of Christ. A European confederacy of Catholic countries (the Apocalyptic ‘beast’) will oppose the rising power of Israel under Christ and will “make war with the Lamb.’ Christ, however, will take the initiative. He will ‘rebuke strong nations afar off’ (Mic. 4:3). His army will move against Catholic Europe and bring it into subjection as predicted in Rev 19:19-20.” —Expositor, HPM**

Est 9:15 For *the Jews* that *were* IN SHUSHAN gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and slew three hundred men at Shushan; but ON THE PREY THEY LAID NOT THEIR HAND.

Est 9:16 But *the other Jews* that *were* IN THE KING'S PROVINCES gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and HAD REST FROM THEIR ENEMIES, and *slew of their foes seventy and five thousand*, but THEY LAID NOT THEIR HANDS ON THE PREY (*vital their motive is not misread*)

**The Other Jews**—there are Jews in the land and outside the Land; prophetically styled Judah and Ephraim (Zec 10:1-12). UNIFIED by the enemy (Eze 37:19).

**Together**—they act as Yahweh's weapon against the nations: "When I have *bent Judah* for me, filled *the bow with Ephraim*" Zec 9:13. This book reveals that the Jews are not the instigators of war, but will "arise and thresh" the nations in defense.

Mic 5:7-9 “*And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the LORD, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men. And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver*”

Jer 51:20-21 “*Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms; And with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider*”

Mic 4:13 “*Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people*”

Zec 10:3-11 “Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them *as his goodly horse in the battle...And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away*” (*Israel as a battle horse—Isa 63:1-2; Rev 14:20; 19:11*)

Psa 110:1-6 “The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, *until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning...The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath. He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries*”

**Zec 12:9** “And it shall come to pass in that day, *that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem*”

**Rest from their enemies—this follows subjection of the Jews’ enemies; namely Amalek! Consider the prophecies—**

**Deu 25:17-19** “Remember what *Amalek* did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt... Therefore it shall be, *when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it*” (**Purim**)

**Jer 30:10** “Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and *shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid*”

**Est 9:18** But *the Jews that were at Shushan assembled together* on the thirteenth *day* thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth *day* of the same they rested, and *made it a day of feasting and gladness*.  
**Est 9:19** Therefore *the Jews of the villages, that dwelt in the unwalled towns*, made the fourteenth day of the month Adar *a day of gladness and feasting*, and a good day, and of sending portions one to another.

**Rested**—formerly a people that would have no rest (Deu 28:65).

This was done on the “third day” (15<sup>th</sup>)—Hos 6:1-2

**Gladness, Feasting**—prophetic phrase denoting the rejoicing of the Jews in salvation (Jer 31:7; 33:11; Zec 8:19-23; Isa 51:3; 35:10).

**Sending Portions**—expression in the days of Nehemiah, because the Jews finally understood the “Book of the Law” (Neh 8:5-12)!

- Neh 8:5-9 People wept when Law by Ezra read
- Neh 8:10-12 People find joy and comfort by “he” Nehemiah

Est 9:20 And Mordecai wrote these things, and *sent letters unto all the Jews* that were in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, *both nigh and far*,

Est 9:21 To stablish *this* among them, *that they should keep* the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly

**Near and Far—literally, Jews everywhere. Prophetically, “many people of the land became Jews” (Est 8:17). Significantly, this is a phrase used for both Jew and Gentile (Acts 22:21; 2:39):**

Eph 2:12-16 “Ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were *far off* are made *nigh* by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one...And came and preached peace to you which were *afar off*, and to them that were *nigh*” (Isa 49:6)

**Est 9:22** As the days wherein the Jews RESTED from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them *from sorrow to joy*, and *from mourning into a good day*: that they should make them *days of feasting and joy*, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.

**Sorrow to Joy**—the great time of recompense, when the deepest time of “Jacob’s trouble” is turned into salvation (Jer 30:7); when “sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Isa 35:9-10).

Isa 51:1-3 “Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah *that* bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him. For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; *joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody*” (Jer 31:10-13)

**Rested**—a repetitive word (v. 12,16,17,18,22), which refers to the Kingdom Age and millennial reign of Messiah (Heb 4:1-11)!

**Est 9:23** *And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written unto them;*

**Est 9:24** Because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, THE LOT, to consume them, and to destroy them;

**Est 9:25** But when *Esther* came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he devised against the Jews, *should return upon his own head*, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.

**Est 9:26** Wherefore *they called these days Purim after the name of Pur.* (the “lot” of Gentiles vs. the sure prophetic Word of Yahweh)

**Jews undertook to do as Mordecai had written—this is an open acknowledgement of the Jews to Messiah’s position as the King’s authority upon His second advent. It means the Jews will respect and submit to the Lord Jesus Christ (Jer 23:5-8; 30:9; 33:15-17; Eze 34:23-25; 37:24-25).**

Est 9:27 The Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, *and upon all such as joined themselves unto them*, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, *and according to their appointed time every year*;

Est 9:28 And *that* these days *should be* remembered and KEPT THROUGHOUT EVERY GENERATION, EVERY FAMILY, EVERY PROVINCE, AND EVERY CITY; and *that these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them perish from their seed.*

**Feast of Purim—the Prophetic Parable of Esther begins with Vashti refusing to attend the King’s feast, and concludes with the Jews celebrating this feast, because of Mordecai. NOTE: this is a feast of *salvation* and one that is outside the Law of Moses! This is the “new covenant” the Jews embrace in Christ (Jer 31:30-41), written upon the new heart or spirit (Deu 27:1-8 cf. 2Cor 3:1-12).**

Est 9:29 Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority, to confirm this *second letter of Purim*. \* **Sentence of death turned to life**

Est 9:30 And he sent the letters unto *all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, with words of peace and truth,*

**127**—the parable opens & concludes with this number: Sarah or “Jerusalem, the mother of us all” (Gal 4:22-26). Fulfillment of the **Abrahamic Covenant**. (127 used 3x in Esther—covenant number)

**Unto all the Jews—the natural Jew become Abraham’s true “seed.”**  
Isa 51:1-4; Rom 11:24-27

• **Peace and Truth**—the time of Israel’s restoration in Spirit:  
Jer 33:6-7 “I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of *peace and truth*. And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first”

**Peace and Truth**—one cannot exist without the other. Peace is more than the cessation of war, it is the creation of unity of mind.

2Kin 9:22 “When Joram saw Jehu, that he said, *Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?*”

Heb 7:2 “To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; *first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace*”

Jas 3:14-17 “But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but *is earthly, sensual, devilish.* For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is *first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy*”

## Mordecai—Restoration of the Jews happens in the Silver Kingdom

- “The kingdom promised to them that love God, and are ‘the called according to His purpose,’ is a *Hebrew Kingdom*. Its *territory* is the Land of Israel, turned into Paradise; the *nation* to inhabit it, the twelve tribes of Israel cleansed from their iniquities, as the result of an intelligent and affectionate recognition of the Anointed Jesus; and obedience to him as their *King*; its *princes, priests, and nobles* of all ranks and degrees, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the prophets and apostles; and those Jews under the Law, ‘who walked in the steps of that faith of the father Abraham, which he had, being yet uncircumcised,’ or a Gentile; and those Jews after the Day of Pentecost, who continued in Abraham’s faith, affectionately recognized Jesus as the Seed promised to him and Israel, and were ‘immersed for his name’—Luke 13:28; Mat 19:27-29; Rom 4:12.” *Eureka, Vol 1, pg. 223.*

# Chapter Ten—the Kingdom of Yahweh's Anointed

Est 10:1 And the king Ahasuerus *laid a tribute* upon the land, and *upon the isles of the sea*.

**Tribute**—a required taxation upon all people. Symbolic of the necessity of the nations to come up to Jerusalem in the Age to come and the City of the Great King to be the repository of wealth; following the type in the days of Solomon.

Psa 72:8-11 when Christ reigns from “sea to sea” the “kings of Tarshish and of *the isles* shall *bring presents*: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall *offer gifts*. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him”

Isa 60:1-12 speaks of the time when “the *abundance of the sea* shall be converted unto thee, *the forces* (mg. wealth) of the Gentiles shall come unto thee” (Isa 66:18-20; Zec 14:14)

**Isles**—generally, not just Gentile nations, but those sympathetic to the Jews (see: Gen 10:5; Zep 2:11; Isa 11:11-12; 40:15; Acts 13:6)

Est 10:2 And all the acts of His power and of His might, and the declaration of *the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto the king advanced him, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?* USED FOR ISRAEL'S KINGS

**King Advanced Him**—the focus of the entire Scriptures is about Yahweh, the King, and His advancement of the one loyal to His Kingdom: the Lord Jesus Christ (2Cor 5:19). This prophetic parable has more to do with the King and Mordecai, than Esther.

- “In some way, EVERY BOOK OF THE BIBLE centers attention upon the person and mission of the Lord Jesus Christ”—*Joshua: Expositor, HPM, pg 9.*

Luk 24:44 “That all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning me”

Heb 10:7 “Lo, I come in the volume of the book it is written of me” (John 17)

**Est 10:3** For Mordecai the Jew *was next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren,* seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

**Next Unto The King—Christ's exalted position (1Cor 15:26-28)**

**“gone into heaven and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him” (1Pet 3:22; Heb 12:2; 8:1).** Even in exaltation, he is still inferior to the King.

**Great among the Jews—a status of Messiah never before held.**

**Accepted of the multitude of his brethren—(Zec 13:9).**

**Zec 12:10** “And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: *and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn*”

**Est 10:3** For Mordecai the Jew was next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, *seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.*

**Speaking peace to all his seed**—styled by the apostle, “the gospel of peace” (Rom 10:15; Eph 6:15). The Gospel is intended to unify.

Eze 34:23-25 “I will set up *one shepherd over them*, and he shall feed them, *even my servant David*; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken *it*. And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land...”

Eze 37:24 “David my servant *shall be king over them*; and they all shall have one shepherd...*I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them*: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore”

**His Brethren**—a term used for those in covenant relationship with Christ (Col 1:2). Thus, the Jews have been graft in again as the seed of Abraham.

Heb 2:11 “For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified *are* all of one: for which cause *he is not ashamed to call them brethren*”

Rom 8:29 “For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be *the firstborn among many brethren*”

Mat 12:47-49 “Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and *who are my brethren?* And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!”

Gal 3:29 “And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise”

Jer 31:10-11 “Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare *it* in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd *doth* his flock. *For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he*”

- ***What began with Gentile dominance and hatred for the Jews concludes with the King exalting a Jew to represent His authority in the earth.***

Gen 22:16-18 “By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only *son*: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which *is* upon the sea shore; and *thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies*; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice”

Mark 4:2 “And he taught them many things by *parables*, and said unto them in his *doctrine*...”

- **The Esther Prophecy is about the two things Brethren in Christ insist are the nucleus of the Gospel: “the things of the Kingdom” and Name of Jesus Christ” (Acts 8:12).**
- *The word “King” and/or “Kingdom” appears more than 200x in Esther.*
- *The “banquet,” “feast,” or “wine” appears more than 25x.*
- **If we do not know the “doctrine” of these principles, the understanding the prophetic parable is impossible.**

Mat 13:16-17 “But blessed *are* your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous *men* have desired to see *those things* which ye see, and have not seen *them*; and to hear *those things* which ye hear, and have not heard *them*”

## Both Books of the Bible named after women teach the principle of the “ecclesia” related to Israel.

**Ruth 1** Two sons of Elkanah (*Kingdom of God*) removed from Land

**Ruth 2** Two sons (*Judah/Ephraim*) buried in Gentile Land

**Ruth 3** Fall of Jews brings light to Gentiles, embrace Hope of Israel

**Ruth 4** Gentile taken as wife of the Redeemer, Kinsman

- Deuteronomy—Death of Moses: Law can't bring Inheritance
- Joshua—Crossing Jordan: Jesus shows baptism required
  - Judges—After Joshua's death: Jews turn to apostasy
  - Ruth—Gentiles Called: embracing the Hope of Israel
- Samuel—Kingdom of God: Throne established in Israel
- Kings—Reign of Solomon: David's Son sits upon his throne
- Chronicles—Temple Prepared: Divine worship in Jerusalem
- Ezra-Nehemiah—Temple Restored: Jews return to the Land
- Esther—Jews Victory: Jews restored under their Redeemer

*Judges—Ruth: no mention of the “kingdom”<sup>30</sup>*

**Jer 33:7-11** “I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. *And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me. And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it. Thus saith the LORD; Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say shall be desolate without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast, The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for his mercy endureth for ever...*”

**For cleansing and iniquity to be put away requires confession and forsaking (1John 1:8-10; Pro 28:13).**

**Haddasah the Myrtle “In their rebelliousness the Jews are regarded as briers and thorns; but in restoration, because of righteousness, they are olive-branches, pine-branches, myrtle-branches, and palm-branches. When, therefore, it is prophesied in Isaiah 55: 13, ‘Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir-tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle-tree: and it shall be to Jehovah for a name, for an Aion-memorial that shall not be cut off;’ and in Ch. 41:19, ‘I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah-tree, and the myrtle, and the olive-tree: I will set in the desert the fir-tree, the pine, and the box-tree together; that they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of Jehovah hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel (Christ) hath created it:’—when these things are declared, it not only imports that the land previously desolate shall become like Eden, the Garden of Jehovah (Ezek. 36 : 35), but that all its inhabitants in Messiah's Olahm, the Millennial Aion, shall be trees of righteousness, the planting of Jehovah, that he might be glorified”—Isa. 61:3. *Eureka, Vol 1 pg 54***

**Zec 14:2-3 “For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle...Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, *as when he fought in the day of battle*”**

□ **“How did he fight in the day of battle? Read the History of Joshua, who says, ‘There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon; all others they took in battle. For it was of the Lord to *harden their hearts*, that they should come against Israel to battle, that He (the Lord) might destroy them utterly, and that they might have no favour.’ ‘The Lord descomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon...And as they fled from before Israel, the Lord cast down great stones from heaven upon them, and they died...’ (Jos 11:19; 10:10-11). This is the way the Lord fought in the day of battle; and so He will fight again (Eze 38:21-23; Zec 14:14; 10:5)” —J. Thomas “*Mystery of the Covenant of the Holy Land Explained*”**

**Hadassah—the myrtle tree.** Esther's Hebrew name represents a magnificent symbol of Israel's restoration.

- The branches of the myrtle were used to make booths for the Feast of Tabernacles (Neh 8:14-15) in the 7<sup>th</sup> Month. This relates to worship of the nations in the Kingdom Age (Zec 14:16).
- The myrtle is also used for Israel's glorified state in the Age to Come and the beautification of the Land (Isa 55:13).
- In Zec 1:8-12 the prophet shows the vision of a man among the “myrtle trees” who asks “O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years?” (70 years Babylonian captivity). The answer: “Yahweh shall yet comfort Zion” (Zec 1:17).

**“The myrtle, thus stands as a fitting symbol of Israel regathered, blessed and rejoicing in Yahweh...” *Esther, pg. 11***

## **Feast of Tabernacles Numbers 29:12—40 (Lev 23:34)**

### **15<sup>th</sup> Day of the Seventh Month The Feast of Seven Days**

**Bullocks offered for a “burnt offering,” along with a “goat” for a sin offering. Note: it begins with “13” (v. 13)—the number of rebellion (Gen 14:4; 17:25)—and concludes seven days later with “7” bullocks offered (v. 32)—the number of completion (Gen 2:2).**

**The principle: what begins with rebellion (13) is gradually reduced into ordinal perfection (7). Astonishingly, the total number of bullocks  $13+12+11+10+9+8+7 = 70$ . This is the number of the nations (Gen 10; Egypt: Gen 50:3; Jer 25:11-12; 29:10; Zec 1:12; Isa 23:15-17; Luke 10:1, 17).**

**Zec 14:16 “And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles”**