

# PURIM

“They don’t teach you that in history!” “This is one of the things that you don’t learn in school!”

## 1. Purim – a good day!

**Esther 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, **Esther 9:17** On the thirteenth day of the month Adar; **and on the fourteenth day of the same rested they, and made it a day of feasting and gladness.**

**Esther 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.**

**Esther 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.**

**Esther 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, **Esther 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, Esther 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.**

In LCBC we have many of these that are both Christian and American!

This was obviously **spontaneous!**

## 2. Purim – a necessary day!

We celebrate almost nothing and therefore remember almost nothing!

**Esther 8:11** Wherein the king granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together, **and to stand for their life**, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, both little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey, **Esther 8:12** Upon one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, namely, upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar.

**Esther 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**;) **Esther 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.**

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**Esther 9:6** And in Shushan the palace the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred **men.**

**Esther 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.**

**Esther 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.**

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**Esther 3:13** And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, **and to take the spoil of them for a prey.**

### **3. Purim – a providential day!**

**Esther 9:26** Wherefore they called these days **Purim after the name of Pur.** Therefore for all the words of this letter, and of that which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come unto them,

**In some ways this is the heart of the book...**

**Pur = lots / dice-like**

**Purim = plural lots plural casting of the lots**

**Esther 3:5** And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath. **Esther 3:6** And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai. **Esther 3:7** **In the first month, that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that is, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, to the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar.**

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**This was an attempt to determine the gods will through the multiple casting of lots / dice. Until it gave them the month, and the day...**

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**Proverbs 16:33** The lot is cast into the lap; **But the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.**

**God is sovereign / in control of things!**

God is also providentially working out His will – out in the human affairs protecting His people!

**Ruth 2:3** And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: **and her hap was to light on a part of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the kindred of Elimelech.**

**Psalms 103:19** The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; And his kingdom ruleth over all.

**Psalms 115:3** But our God is in the heavens: He hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

**Psalms 135:5** For I know that the LORD is great, And that our Lord is above all gods. **Psalms 135:6** Whatsoever the LORD pleased, That did he in heaven, and in earth, In the seas, and all deep places.

#### **4. Purim – a day to be remembered & kept – a sacred day!**

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At first it was **spontaneous!**

Then it must be kept: formally, publicly, and emotionally!