
Special Feast Edition

INTRODUCTION

Purim

Purim is a festival commonly observed by and associated with brother Yehudah (Judah). It is celebrated as a joyous and happy festival because it commemorates Yehudah's victory over those who wanted to annihilate them during their exile in the kingdom of Persia, under the reign of King Ahashwerosh (Xerxes).

Purim is celebrated on the 14th and 15th days of Adar which coincide with the English months of February and/or March. On the 13th day of Adar, the Yehudites (Jews) successfully defended themselves from those who wished to destroy them. Their oppressors, led by the Agagite Haman, had cast lots (purim) to determine which day that they should be destroyed. After the Yehudites were victorious over their enemies, they spent the following 2 days in gladness and feasting and for sending portions to one another and gifts to the poor.

Purim is a time to join hands with our brother Yehudah, because of the many times throughout history when enemies rose up seeking to destroy Yahweh's seed. It is the Yehudites who have stood firm against them, and who still carry the torch of Torah truth. For most of their festivals, brother Yehudah sums up the celebration by saying, "They tried to kill us. We survived. Let's eat!"



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