

The Feast of פּוּרִים

NAME - Called the feast of Purim because of the *pur* (lot) cast by Haman in 3:7 to determine which month and day to destroy the Jews. *Purim* is the Hebrew plural of *pur*. Also called Mordechai's day in 2 Macc 15:36.

BACKGROUND - Happens in 483 B.C. – 473 B.C. Chronologically between Ezra 6-7. Xerxes- 485-465 BC (Ahasuerus) is son of Darius 521-485BC (Haggai 1) and father of Artaxerxes 465-425 BC (Nehemiah 2:1).

THEME - Book about the Providence of God. No mention of God, prayer, worship, or God's name or title.

NOTES

Amalekites- Exodus 17:14-18; Numbers 24:20; Deuteronomy 25:17-19

1 Samuel 15:1-3- Saul's responsibility. NO BOOTY to be taken.

Review of Story- Rematch between Saul's house (Mordechai) and Amalek (Haman)

SURPRISES יהוה (God's name)

"It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter." Proverbs 25:2

Esther 1:20- spells YHWH (Yahweh) **הִיא וְכָל־הַנְּשִׁים יִתְּנוּ**
God is turning back counsels of man.

Esther 5:4- spells YHWH **יָבֹא הַמֶּלֶךְ וְהַמֶּן הַיּוֹם**
God is ruling causing Esther to act.

Esther 5:13- spells YHWH **זֶה אֵינְנוּ שׂוֹה לִי**
God is turning back Haman's gladness

Ester 7:7- spells YHWH **כִּי־כִלְתָּה אֵלָיו הַרְעָה**
God is ruling and brings about Hamans' end.

Below are places in the Hebrew where certain words appear at certain equidistant spaces.

Esther 1:3- Messiah appears

Esther 4:17- Yeshua (Jesus) appears

Esther 4:2- El Shaddai (God Almighty) appears

Esther 3:11-12- every 6 letters spells out **הַמֶּן וְשָׂטָן רִיחַ**

The Hebrew here in Esther 3:11-2 spells "HAMAN AND SATAN STINK" ☺
See Exodus 5:21 where it uses the same Hebrew word.