

Purim: Jewish Revival That Touches the World

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... to build, to encourage, to inspire*



The Book of Esther records an existential threat to the Jewish people, one that would have been devastating not only for the Jewish people, but for the entire world. Why?

When the high-ranking official Haman the Agagite became infuriated by Mordechai's refusal to bow to him, Haman determined not only to kill Mordechai, but also to annihilate all of Mordechai's people, the Jews.

Yeshua said, *"Salvation is of the Jews"* (John 4:22). If the Jewish people could have been wiped out by Haman, salvation would have been wiped out. But that would have been impossible, because the Jewish people are indestructible... indestructible because the eternal covenant God made with Abraham, the father of our nation and the father of our faith.

What was at stake was not only the destruction of Esther and the Jewish people, but the salvation of the world!

We know the Purim story well...

Esther goes to the King and appeals on behalf of her people. Haman is exposed; he is deposed, and he is hanged on the very gallows he prepared for Mordechai. Mordechai then takes Haman's position and is authorized by the king to decree that the Jews throughout his kingdom could defend themselves and kill those who would seek to harm them.

Now, even though the name of God is not mentioned in the Book of Esther, only God could have orchestrated such a dramatic turn of events. On the verge of annihilation, the Jewish people emerged overwhelmingly victorious!

This miraculous Jewish "revival" sent shock waves throughout the entire Persian Empire. Look at the powerful effect it had: *"... in every province and city, wherever the king's command and decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a holiday. Then many of the people of the land became Jews, because fear of the Jews fell upon them."* (Esther 8:15-17)

Jewish revival - God moving among the Jewish people - touched many in the Persian Kingdom. A supernatural fear came upon the Persian Kingdom. This was more than a natural fear. No one could withstand the Jewish people, and *"many of the people of the land became Jews...."* What does this mean? It does not mean that the gentiles actually became Jewish, because to do this one must be a physical descendant of the Jewish people. What this quote means was that due to the fear of the Lord, the gentiles forsook heathenism and idolatry and embraced the God of the Jews; the true and living God of Israel.

Of course, the greatest move of God among our Jewish people occurred when God visited us through Messiah Yeshua, who came down from heaven and gave His lifeblood for our salvation. This birthed a Jewish revival that continues to touch the world today.





After He rose from the dead, Yeshua told his Jewish apostles to *“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature”*(Mark 16:15). Ultimately, every gentile who receives Yeshua has embraced the God of Israel. They do not become Jewish, but they embrace the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

After Messiah gave the Great Commission and ascended into heaven, the Gospel spread and a Messianic Jewish revival shook the Roman Empire. The network of synagogues that had been established following Babylonian captivity, served as a bridge for the Apostle Paul and his team to bring the Gospel to the Jews and the God-fearing gentiles who attended those synagogues in the Roman Empire. Wherever Paul went, he always visited these local synagogues first. Subsequently, the Messianic movement exploded.

Opponents to this revival from all sides tried to wipe it out, but they couldn't! Just like Haman tried to wipe out the Jewish nation but couldn't. The Jewish nation is indestructible and so is the Gospel of the Kingdom! Yeshua said, *“...upon this rock I will build My congregation, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”* (Matthew 16:18) The Body of Messiah – both the Jewish and gentile movements – are indestructible!

Even though the Jewish people as a nation were sidelined in the work of the Gospel, yet the promise remains of Jewish revival that will once again touch the world! *“Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, “Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.”’”* (Zechariah 8:23)

I want to encourage us with something – God is visiting His Jewish people already. God has revived the physical nation; Israel is once again a nation living in its own land. God has also revived the Jewish Messianic movement. We are still in the early stages, but there are hundreds of thousands of Jewish believers in Yeshua. And this movement is gaining momentum all over the world, especially in Israel. God is restoring an indestructible Jewish Messianic movement in the last days.

Israel is a nation with a destiny and so is this Messianic movement. In Romans 11:15, Paul comments on Israel saying: *“For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?”* The acceptance of the Messiahship and Lordship of Yeshua results in Jewish revival, which will touch the world and bring about “life from the dead” for all!

We are a nation with an appointed destiny – no one can destroy us!

We are a Messianic Movement with an appointed destiny – no one can destroy us!

As the Body of Messiah, we all have an appointed destiny – no one can destroy us!

We have a vision from God - ‘Jewish Revival That Touches the World’ and no one can stop it!



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