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THE ESTHER PATTERN FOR TODAY

The Gospel of the Kingdom is in the book of *Esther* — in fact is hidden also within Esther herself. This book fits in the middle of the book of Ezra at the time of restoration. The Church today is being restored to walk fully in God's ways and 'she' is being changed from glory to glory into His (Christ's) image thus becoming one as a Husband and a Bride. Whether there were negative (to us) happenings back 'then' or not, we shall see this book of Esther open up and give us, we trust, encouragement '*to hang in there*' that will enable us to achieve what the Lord has purposed for us.

Let us *press towards the mark* of experiencing the FULL union with our King so that in no way will we disappoint Him. We shall see the sovereignty of our God who does ALL things well, as each step unfolds in the life of the *Esther-Firstfruits*'. Truly *all things work together for good* — THE GOOD of His plan in us and through us.

God's purpose was to have Esther as the Bride of the King. For this to be reality, she would have to become fully compatible to His thinking, His ways and His plans. For the union that makes **two become one**, there would have to be such a complete surrender. Our Lord deserves nothing less than a perfect bride and His plan will most definitely succeed because He is God. Let us then read again the scriptures of THE BOOK OF ESTHER and discover the '*good news*' of God's working with us until we experience being *joint heirs* with the King in His Kingdom with all the '**being**' and '**doing**' associated with that.

THE SCENE IS SET . . .

Ahasuerus was the king that ruled in 127 provinces: a victorious king who shared his victories with his nobles. WE have Christ, our King who rules in '120' and '7' areas in our lives. With Bible Numbers we know that '120' speaks of '*the end of all flesh*' which our King will see expressed fully in His people **starting with the first-fruits**. There can be simply no '*flesh*' getting in the way of His ruling through us in His kingdom. The '7' speaks of *perfection and completion* that will be the expressed as a result of such a dealing. Such perfection is seen in the complete oneness He desires with His Bride, His Queen.

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

Verse 3 of this first chapter declares that a feast was called in *the palace — the place of the throne* — in the 3rd year which corresponds to God's feast of the 3rd. Month, namely *The Feast of Pentecost*. Similarly Mount Sinai is situated in the desert of Sinai. Exodus 19 declares that it was in the THIRD month the children of Israel were in this desert . . . a dry place! God moved to meet with them (via Moses) and supernaturally gave His word. I commenced a 'new day' in their lives. The THIRD month corresponds to the Feast of Pentecost. There comes a release of God's word at that time as they (and us too) begin to receive His word with new understanding: **God's word was PROMISES to the obedient but remained LAWS to the unteachable.**

THE PALACE — THE PLACE OF THE FEAST

To receive the full blessing of **this feast** one must come to the palace — the King's house, His dwelling place where His word only is carried out. The palace speaks of where the King's word is paramount — *His thoughts become our thoughts*. Yet in such an atmosphere, Vashti would fail to enter into the climax of her calling because she was NOT *led of the Spirit*. She knew what was needed, but her own thinking led her to miss out. So many Christians, desiring the baptism in the Holy Spirit, receive less than the full release/blessing because they are looking for an experience rather than a release that will bring them to feast with the King and hear His every word.

The palace was at **Shushan** which means '*lily*' emphasizing the WHITENESS of purity or holiness and the TRUMPET SHAPE depicting the proclamation of this word of holiness. Let us not be of those who fail to '*go the course*'

and receive **ALL** the provision and blessings that this feast releases in us. The challenge here is. . . *'Would you spend 180 days in a teachable attitude so that you do not miss out on anything that the King makes available?'*

Here in this account, which is a parable to us now, all the people found in the palace — whether they were nobles or servants — had the same opportunity to fully partake of this feast consisting of good food and new (to them) wine.

THE GLORIOUS KINGDOM

This was a special time when each participant **saw the glory of the King. . . even his excellent majesty**. They also witnessed or were told about the King's glorious kingdom. This picture was the ultimate of the King's desire and, no mistakes here, **HE SAID it was glorious!** One only gets a true vision of the Kingdom of Heaven when one is in King's real house.

The '180' days were for the **FIRST** guests — those who were **in the palace**: to be in the palace one just needed to fully surrender one's own way and one's own ideas of the King and His purposes.

AS we have seen, the King purposed the first part of the feast to be '180' days. Firstly we note that **the wise guests did not leave the feast until they had presumably partaken of all that was provided**. As we see ourselves in the feast of Pentecost, we too will not quit before what the King desires is accomplished. Our subsequent walk depends upon receiving all of it. *'As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him'*. (Col.2:6).

Why '180' days? What could it imply? Let us keep our observations in the positive vein. From the meaning of Bible numbers, we can readily see that the 180 can equal $6 \times 30 =$ God's desire is:- for man (6) to come to maturity (30): also $180 = 9 \times 20 =$ that redemption (20) is unchangeable (9): and $180 = 12 \times 15 =$ God's perfection through His government (12) brings rest (15).

All these purposes must first be received and experienced by the people of the palace AND THEN the feast gets extended '7' days for the people at large who had come and were then **found** (v.5 *present* in Hb.= found) in the palace. This next phase of the feast was about six months later and was held in *the court of the garden of the palace*.

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

The numbers in scripture are simply amazing. The first long feast and celebration was to lead the people to a purpose — that of "*Tabernacles*". Let's see it here: first there was a feast of '180' days for the first-called . . . those abiding in the presence of the King in His house and who obeyed without question everything that He desired. Now we add '7' more days for a total of '187'. The '187th.' day of the Hebrew year is the **DAY OF ATONEMENT** of the Feast of Tabernacles. The feast of the third month (year) **must lead right on into** the Feast of the seventh month — **Tabernacles . . . which leads to the fullness of God being manifest in the overcomers — in the Bride. What Esther obtained was received and appreciated by all of her nation.**

NO EARTH IS SEEN

There were decorations (or outward expressions) put in place by those who had been in the first part of the feast. These effects were hangings of white, violet (Hb. blue) and **green** held between marble pillars complete with **silver** rings and **purple** linen cords holding them all straight. In such surroundings, the new guests were **RESTING** on beds (i.e. couches) of **gold** and **silver** and no earth was visible because it was covered with paving stones of **red, blue, white** and **black** marble. What a glorious sheltered setting contained within these drapes/hangings.

In this area where the next phase of the feast was being held, there was no '*earthy*' thinking to be seen: all such thoughts (with their subsequent actions) were covered over with marble. We are like these polished stones that have had all the rough edges of Adam's fallen nature removed; some of the rubbing was tough and took a long time! **Lively stones** (us) taken from the earth, shaped, ground smooth and **now fitting perfectly together** with its neighbour.

The **RED** part of this mosaic pictures death to self through the application of the Blood of Christ; the **BLUE** marble slabs bespeak of the anointing that is continuously present — including the awareness of His desire.

The **WHITE** stones declare **the purity** of His ways while the **BLACK** stones contrast with the white showing

what has been dealt with in our lives . . . so much so, that we are even willing to be 'walked on' by others! A person truly '*crucified*' does not REACT — he simply knows that he has no rights but that *his times are in the King's hands*.

THE TRUE, NEW WINE

The King personally gave the 'royal wine' to each of his subjects present. "*Royal Wine*" in the Hb. means **THE WINE OF THE KINGDOM**. In the King's presence there are insights and revelations (wine) of the many facets of his kingdom. Wine represents revelation. The vessels that brought this wine to the lips of the people (cups) were of **GOLD**. This signifies that the nature of those used to speak or communicate such kingdom understandings to us, *have put on Christ* and have **the nature of the Lord** worked into them: they are being changed into His image. The **SILVER** cups speak of the full salvation or redemption that will not only save us, **but** bring us to the perfection of His Image. All these vessels were quite different but with same purpose— just like we are!

HUNGRY ? . . . THIRSTY?

Verse 8 tells us that the drinking at the feast was *according to law*. It started out that the guests would only drink when the king drank: he stopped . . . they all stopped, and so on. We are told later in that verse that they could drink according to *how each felt*. This speaks to us of a maturity of **having come through the 'law' stage**. **We can now be trusted to move in the expression of the king's desire** . . . HOW HE WOULD DO IT! The hardest part is to be in submission solely to the King's word so that one can learn His ways and receive the first revelation that, as it were, breaks the ice of **our reasoning resistance!** 'Lord, please increase our capacity'. The amount that they received was according to what they desired. The *ones hungering and thirsting after righteousness are the ones that get filled*. **What is your capacity?** Here in the palace there was **NO COMPELLING** or urging needed for each knew what was in the mind of the king for them. Having come to the palace, the place of the throne, they knew that their '*own free will*' was long buried being dead.

We shall see that the question of our *free will* being in charge, is insinuating that the unfolding of God's plan is dependent upon **OUR** correct choices! Almost makes us greater than God Himself which most certainly is not so!

THE UNYIELDING 'LAW'

In a different part of the palace complex was Queen Vashti. The king desired to 'show her off' on the '187th.' day — the day of atonement. She was requested to appear in His presence wearing the **CROWN ROYAL**: having her head/thinking completely surrounded by kingly thoughts . . . the crown being the outward expression of the inward change. However, she did not respond to the King's word but set about to *do her own thing*, as we say. **She decided to have her own feast based upon an inferior word** — hers! She, like many Christians, had substituted man's ideas, ways and visions for the King's explicit words. There is (we trust . . . has been!) a natural reasoning that so easily rises up when our security is challenged! We need to be often reminded that **our security** is in **WHOM WE BELIEVE** and not **WHAT** we believe!

Vashti and her guests picture for us all thinking that has not been brought to the cross. If it is not brought so, then it will most certainly produce A FALSE IMAGE OF GOD AND A FALSE PICTURE OF WHAT HE IS DOING in His people. Oh how tradition has substituted its own beliefs, dogmas and 'Church Constitutions' that keep folk from the true provision of grace — the true feast with the King. To wear the royal crown, one has to remove oneself from one's own controlling word.

Vashti pictures for us what could be termed '*OLD TESTAMENT CHRISTIANS*'. These are they who have had an experience of salvation, who have truly met and had an encounter with the Lord Jesus. They believe that their salvation experience is all the union that they can expect with Christ until they get to heaven! These ones move in the *law-of-doing* in order to obtain. They are still **infants in the Lord** who need *to lay the foundation* in their lives of *ceasing from their dead works* (**Hebrews 6:1-3**). The true and full release of the Spirit will be unveiled to each one who only wants His desire: this is for them to enter into His fullness and union while in heaven on earth. . . where His will is done! *Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven*.

THE ROYAL GRACE

There are (5) 'ROYAL' expressions extended to Vashti. This **grace (5)** from the King gave her the opportunity to partake of **the royal wine** (v.7), live in **the royal house** (v.9), wear **the royal crown** (v.11), hear and understand **the royal commandment** (v.19) and enjoy all **her royal estate** (v.19). But alas, she lost out so much of this provision by refusing to obey the King — **BY REFUSING TO COME INTO HIS PRESENCE** . . . by not desiring to receive all that is provided. The crux of her problem was that she would not wear the royal crown for this feast. Her testimony showed that she just would not surround herself, her mind with the King's thoughts, desires and purposes. She had such strong convictions from the fundamental and traditional beliefs, that they made her rigid and unteachable. Her security was in '**what she believed**', '**what she had been taught**' and she knew almost nothing about the progressive dealings in the purposes of God. One cannot be fully changed through **all the glories (II Cor.3:18)** unless one is willing to leave '*Passover*' experiences (**not remove** them but rather **move on from them** — like building on a foundation) and move through the whole of God's year (program) of *Pentecost* and *Tabernacles* (from initial salvation to the fullness of being like Him .

SO CLOSE YET SO FAR . . . Vashti was so close to entering-in to the fullness but **HER OWN IDEAS** of the spiritual were placed before the King's word. Thus her honoured position was lost and another took her place.

LOOK WITHIN . . . NOT JUST TO RECORDED HISTORY

Another way of looking at Vashti in this account, is to see her as representing the Old Covenant people of God who tried to obey the law and worked hard at it! This approach is similar in many ways, so long as we apply the parable to ourselves that the scriptures might be truly profitable to our walk.

It was on the '187th.' day that the King desired that His Bride be seen; she had been hidden, as it were, for a long time. His word went to her via his (7) *chamberlains* (Hb.= *eunuchs* — those who would no longer produce after their former self. . . those that **knew** that their *old man* was really crucified). These (7) ministers parallel the (7) spirits of God which are a breakdown of the Spirit Himself. These seven, each with their own emphasis, deal specifically with certain areas of our lives. *The spirit of the Lord, the spirit of wisdom, the spirit of understanding, the spirit of knowledge, the spirit of counsel, the spirit of might and the spirit of the fear of the Lord*; it is great when these spirits can operate unhindered through yielded ministries. They concentrate on changing different areas in us individually and as we learn to relate to the King Himself and to one another. The Vashti-Old Covenant had not brought her to perfection because *the law makes nothing perfect*, yet we still try to DO, BE and SAY in a correct, acceptable way in order to obtain the favour of God and be accepted by Him. Vashti and the other wives/women speak of the carnal mind and the natural realm. These should have come into submission to their husbands — for us, as the Bride of Christ, we are to submit fully to *the mind of Christ*, our Husband within. Christ as ruler over His own house which we are.

THE TRUE NEW COVENANT-ARRANGEMENT

The palace enters a new era . . . one of **grace all the way!** The edict went forth that **suitable** young ladies were to be invited to the palace and the prevailing condition for acceptance was that they were to be **VIRGINS**. They would not have been touched by *mar*— not influenced by the word that *man* preaches. Each one coming would have a vision of being Queen, of coming into full union with the King. Their desires would be absolutely unselfish and all their thoughts would be towards pleasing the King. Knowing that it would take time to prepare oneself for such an occasion, they would, of course, have faith and patience. Without such a vision, they would never have lasted for twelve months. Such that would come would supernaturally naturally feel 'at home' in palace surroundings. These eligible virgins would be **BROUGHT** to the palace (i.e. the means to get there would be provided by the King!). To be found '*suitable*', they would have faced up to the demands of such a calling — they would have purposed to leave behind their families, their possessions, their previous hopes and dreams — and come as they were to **THE PLACE PREPARED** called '*the house of the women*'. This place would be the '**PROCESSING PLANT**' under the watchful and caring eye of Hergai who, to

us, is a picture of the Holy Spirit.

THE CHALLENGE

The main target for those called was that they became **pure through obedience**. All that they needed to achieve this state would be **GIVEN** to them. All we ever need to enter into the Holy of Holies has been **given** to us already by King-Jesus at Calvary. We do not have to 'work' for anything . . . it is '**by grace**'. The target for each of us is to PLEASE the King. It is a sure walk of faith because *without faith it is impossible to please Him*. Faith is put to the test as one's 'flesh' is dealt with. *They that are in the flesh cannot please God*. The flesh was created by God and was seen as good. Since the fall flesh took on a new master and could no longer be termed good. **Flesh needs therefore to be fully restored as a vehicle that expresses the King**. As it takes time for a little seed to grow, so it takes time for a perfect work on the flesh to be accomplished. It is '*line upon line*' . . . here a little and so on. It was only supposed to take three days to get from the bondage of Egypt (the world) to the Land of Promise (Kingdom of God), but . . . it took forty years back in Moses' day for the children of God to make it!

A CERTAIN BELIEVER

MORDECAI was a man who had been saved from earlier sun-worship influences in his life. The meaning of his name reveals this as it means '*dedicated to Mars*'. However he was a **Benjamite** in descent, which is a type of the overcomers, and as such one would expect to find him in the palace setting being submissive to the King's ways. God had sovereignly ordered his circumstances (nothing '*just happens!*') in getting him to be in '*the right place at the right time*'. His journey to the King's palace was orchestrated through being taken into captivity — thus put in a very restricted place.

He was right '*there*' when Hadassah was orphaned and he took her '*under his wing*'. Mordecai's testimony was like an extension of Esther's. They moved in the same spirit and expectation because they had heard the command of the King. Mordecai was now restricted to a certain course — in fact it could be called 'his duty'! No longer was he free to go off ministering just because there was an '*open door*'! When one has truly '*dedicated*' one's whole being and nature, we will comply with the King's wishes knowing that He will be looking for a 100% obedience.

In Esther's family Mordecai was the older cousin and male so his calling was to protect, provide and generally care for this orphaned, beautiful young lady — he thus displayed **the spirit of sonship** in such caring and alertness to the Spirit.

The word of the King that went forth was heard by Hadassah and Mordecai and they decided to act upon what they heard and, of course, believed. Hadassah, which means *myrtle tree*, was given a Babylonish name of Esther which meaning '*the planet Venus*'. She willingly submitted to the King's word and came to the palace with all its restrictions (compared to where she had come from!). **She placed herself under the authority** of Hegai.

Just how much of our lives do we allow the Spirit to be Lord over? Billy Graham once said, 'God will reward you a thousandfold when you surrender 100% to Him; but don't expect any five-hundredfold rewards for 50% surrenders!' **Hegai (The Holy Spirit to us)** . . . **HE WOULD BE THE ONE WHO WOULD SHOW HER WHAT WAS NEEDED AND TO TEACH HER ALL THE ASPECTS OF THE ROYAL LIFE AS WELL AS THE DESIRES OF THE KING.**

Esther's attitude and ways pleased Hegai and the blessings increased. Esther knew why she was there and deep within her was a vision and a hope that **she would attain unto the high calling**. She had faith that *all things were indeed working together for good*. For what she had already witnessed gave her great confidence to press forward for what lay ahead.

A WISE VIRGIN that would be READY

She received speedily what Hegai knew she needed — she did not have to plead, beg or repeatedly ask for these things! They were available to her along with (7) maidens to help her '*get ready*'. Her testimony was such that she received encouragements and was made aware that her faith was growing. There has been (and still is) the same **full term of cleansing and restoring** expected of us . . . the same that Esther completed.

These dealings have certainly not been easy! Separated from her own choices and her old ways, she has been bombarded with new standards for her life, for her walk and her demeanour. **Myrrh** is sweet smelling but so bitter to the natural taste. It speaks of *suffering* especially to the flesh as it is brought to a place of **full submission** to the Spirit.

We are also being **called** to put the fleshly, carnal, human dictator of our mind out of the place of authority in our lives. We do this by submitting to the authority of **the Spirit**, of **the anointing**, of **the mind of Christ** — **His voice** knowing that each victory will be followed by the **adding** to us of the *longed-for* spices. When we are thus renewed, *the second stage of our preparation* will see added faith, love, joy . . . in fact all the fruit of the Spirit in full measure . . . no longer in part. She also had a burden for her people who were at that time under much restraint and very much in captivity as she was. She also knew in her spirit that the effect of her accomplishment would result in seeing her people set free. She did not concentrate on that possibility because the happenings of the present time required all of her attention. It was very comforting to have **the seven** attending her continuously. The (7) maidens can refer, not only to the aforesaid seven spirits of God, but to other groups of '7' blessings.

Even as the Church-at-large is very much in a place of restraint and even in a place of captivity, God has desired that a Bride come into the full image of Christ and thus into that place of union with Him. Much sun-worship festivals and symbols are still in the programs of some churches and, we might add, are still defended vigorously when liberating truth is placed alongside such. The true overcoming Bride of Christ — as Esther — has a burden to see all the people of God fully set free to move and have their being in Him.

CHANGE BEGINS WITH THE FIRST STEP

Chapter 2, verse 9 tells us that Hegai *'preferred'* — or better translated, **changed** — *Esther unto the BEST PLACE* in this arena of preparation necessary for coming into **experiencing** union with the King. As we make progress with the word that we have received, we will be lifted to **a higher place** where new and further steps/instructions will be heard. Those who refuse the early words of revelation of what is required in this hour, will usually stay just where they are in the spirit. To fail to grow is not bad; growth is progressive — and **when one grows, one changes!** It is progressing from one level of glory to the next **and that is what the Lord desires** (II Cor.3:18).

The *'called-out one'* called Esther, in a wonderful way, did not have to give an account of passed activities, beliefs of where she had come. True overcoming ministry, just like Mordecai, will care for each one, especially if they feel at all like an *'orphan'*! They will always be near desiring to help, explain and listen as they, together with all the present-day Esthers, progress together into the manifestation of the Lord's plan.

'BE YE HOLY' . . . A COMMAND!

The activities that are to bring one to perfection, maturity and holiness have (for us . . . almost) in part, but in fullness. When this manifests, the Spirit will be free to release any and every characteristic of Christ at any time!

Ready (at last!) to be joined to the King and to experience that divine oneness. Such a vision that we are encouraged to press towards will come only from the Lord; it will be received by revelation of the Spirit and not by the perspiration of study!!

MANY ARE CALLED , FEW CHOSEN

We saw that the King's edict was made on the 187th. day referring to **the Day of Atonement**; now we find Esther *twelve months* later, **at the same time of the year**, ready to go in. She entered in the 7th. year of His reign which is another pointer in the spirit to the feast of the 7th. month, **the Feast of Tabernacles**.

Many were called — actually 'commanded' — and they came BUT the resulting testimony of the others was, that they had **a great and wonderful experience**. They did not stay in the King's presence — only Esther remained. Because of the pure love that the King and Esther had for each other, she was **'chosen'**. The ecstasy that she now enjoyed was over and above anything that she had imagined. Each virgin had her opportunity to prepare aright and

now each one is put to the test. It would begin a new day, a new era in each life. Like the others Esther was called to go in *at the end of one day*, come through *the midnight hour*, and **move into the new day**.

We are not interested with the happenings of the other virgins at this time, just Esther. These saints had a great testimony without the crown! Esther by contrast, had **yielded** to the instructions and promptings of Hegai and had come to the place of having "**no free will**". We are told that she desired **nothing** except what Hegai appointed. Esther had received into her being and walk every expression of grace; the result was that in spirit, she was like the King. His word had become her thinking and was now being expressed in her. A wonderful victory!

'WELL DONE, ESTHER!'

We could possibly make such a comment and mean it. We probably know some saints who we would readily identify with Esther and know that they experience the intimate relationship that one can have with the King . . . and we sought of envy them? We commend them and rejoice with them but deep down inside of us there just might be a glimmer of a thought that we might miss it! "*Well done Esther!*" Whatever any of us have experienced to date, we are reminded by Esther that **there is yet a fuller expression for us** to press towards. Prior to the 187th. day we are still in **the Holy Place** — but after, we are found to be in **the Holiest of All** where *all things are new*. Let us learn from those ahead of us . . . let us follow Esther's example and be encouraged by her achievement through grace and watch that we don't subconsciously 'give up' by placing ourselves in a different place. We should remain under the Lordship of Christ and receive from Him those things which He has provided freely so that we can 'make it'.

THE KING + ESTHER = ONE SPIRIT

The King was delighted with Esther in every respect. She was promoted and received *the mark of the high calling*, namely, the royal crown upon her head. Being now one with the King — one mind, His! — her life and His life --- a single expression of this would now be exercised as they rule and reign together. Esther would no longer go some place without the King's direction: she would stop trying to increase her possessions, increase her 'security! Seeing where she was, what could she possibly need? Yes, she had certainly '**stepped out in faith**' like "*putting all her eggs in one basket!*" Haman now enters onto the scene. He represents Christians who are so **steeped in traditional teachings and ways** that they are afraid of those who are *pressing towards the mark for the high-calling of God in Christ-Jesus* . . . that of conforming to His image. They will build their '**letter-word**' scaffolding with the purpose of hanging would-be overcomers who 'leave their covering'! They will even believe that what they do is of the Lord. . . hence a **fifty cubit structure (50 = anointing/ Holy Spirit)**.

Haman has always been around but on the circumference of the palace activities. Very sincere — he gets recognition and advancement and becomes well-known and established. What '*Haman*' stands for and promotes, the '*Mordecai-overcomers*' cannot accept. God's sovereign timing (being God, He is Lord of ALL) brought forth His plan out of what looked disastrous. The '*Haman-resistance*' to *present truth* ceased when his flesh was put to death on the very 'letter-word' structure that he had so studiously put together. Even the restricting letter-word as a stepping stone, in the end will help bring forth the purposes of God!

Esther had the calling from God to be the instrument that would see the whole of God's people set free from every bondage. For today, that could be seeing believers set free from **manipulation, intimidation and domination** thrust out by the Pharisaical leaders of lifeless 'law' Churches.

JOINT HEIRS

The account of Esther climaxes in **chapter 5, verse 3** when she is in the King's presence and receives **HALF OF HIS KINGDOM**. Half of the kingdom equates with being *JOINT HEIRS* with the King who had the kingdom all along.

THE FEAST OF PURIM

In the book of Esther, the pattern of God's plan for this hour, we see the liberation of God's people take place.

What a glorious triumphant conclusion! The vision and the fulfilment has been kept alive over the years in THE FEAST OF PURIM that celebrates what happened '*back then*' and focuses the same vision for us '*today*'. We need to have **the same vision** — to see all of God's people, nay more than that, to see all of His creation **SET FULLY FREE FROM CARNAL-ADAMIC CONTROLS TO EMBRACE HIM**, the Author and Finisher of His plan for the ages.

God bless you each one. §