

The festival of Purim points to a future, greater Purim story



34 "Watch out! Don't let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life. Don't let that day catch you unaware, 35like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone living on the earth. 36Keep alert at all times. And pray that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man." Luke 21:34-36

An Upcoming Purim Story

This week, many of us will celebrate the festival of Purim. Purim tells the story of YHWH working through key players to save the Jewish people from an extermination plot foisted by the wicked Haman. I believe that this past story portends a greater, more significant Purim story directly preceding Yeshua's return with a more wicked Haman and a far more gloriously wonderful

Mordecai. I don't think it accidental that God's calendar provides three specific instances each year at the fall festivals, Hanukkah, and Purim where we are to intentionally focus upon readying ourselves for this coming Day.

Did you know that the Bible states that there will be people of understanding who are familiar with what will transpire related to this coming story? Paul states that this coming Day will not take the prepared Believers by surprise (1 Thessalonians 5:4-5). They will be ready for it. Jeremiah also states that there will be a complete understanding related to that day for these same prepared Believers (Jeremiah 30:24). Daniel states that these people of understanding will shine like the stars in the heavens and will lead many others to understanding (Daniel 11:33-34 & 12:3). I want to be one of these prepared ones, and I hope you do too.

So what is to be our posture and how do we become a person of understanding? In the context of this coming Day, Yeshua states that we are to be alert and that we are to watch, pray, and abide in Him. I believe the watching involves a deliberate and prayerful consistency in the Word of God--particularly those passages which involve preparing our hearts for this time. There are more than 150 chapters in the Scriptures where the majority of the chapter is about the days surrounding Yeshua's return. These chapters with a short summary can be found here: https://mcusercontent.com/bb047e8705192b2817b6fc897/files/d32065d2-c382-606d-9db4-5dbc6b1a436f/tp_r_150_Chapters_on_the_End_Times.pdf

Those best prepared now and for the days to come will not be ones who simply have a head full of Bible knowledge and eschatological charts but primarily will be those who have soft, humble, fiery hearts of love for their King and who walk in love and humility before their brothers and sisters. This is where the prayer and abiding piece comes in play. We grow in this by spending time with and staying connected to Him. This future Day is primarily about a coming glorious King who will rule the earth with justice and love. We can grow in our intimacy with and knowledge of this coming One right now.

In closing, one of the best ways to grow in these things is through accountability

with other Believers who also want to grow too. The Sunday night Revelation Zoom class is a great way to have accountability and support in looking at one of these eschatological sections of Scripture together. If interested, contact Steve who can give you more information about this class.