

Notes: March 7, 2015

Start: 10 AM

**Order of service:**

1. Meet and Greet
2. Introduction (if new people)
3. Ma Tovv
4. Open in Prayer for service
5. Liturgy – Sh'ma +
6. Announcements
7. Jeri - Drash
8. Praise and Worship Songs
9. Message
10. Aaronic Blessing
11. Kiddush
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Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: Purim Message

This past week, there has been much related to Purim and President Netanyahu's speech to the United States Congress.

From the time of his speech to the breaking of protocol, there has been much covered about this subject, to where he further conveyed Israel's right to defend itself.

This is another connection to Purim that I don't believe received as much attention.

**Est 8:10** They wrote in the name of King Achashverosh and sealed it with the king's signet ring; they sent the letters by couriers on horseback riding fast horses used in the king's service and bred from the royal stock.

**Est 8:11** The letters said that the king had granted the Jews in every city the right "to assemble and defend their lives by destroying, killing and exterminating any forces of any people or province that would attack them, their little ones or their women or would try to seize their goods as plunder

**Est 8:12** on the designated day in any of the provinces of King Achashverosh, namely, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, the month of Adar."

Living in a foreign land, the Jewish people, spread out over the kingdom of Persia still were given the right by an earthly king of another kingdom to defend themselves.

Notice the difference, the earthly king gave them the ability to defend themselves, while the King of Israel, would defend and protect them.

**Deu 28:1** "If you listen closely to what Adonai your God says, observing and obeying all his mitzvot which I am giving you today, Adonai your God will raise you high above all the nations on earth;

**Deu 28:2** and all the following blessings will be yours in abundance - if you will do what Adonai your God says:

**Deu 28:7** "Adonai will cause your enemies attacking you to be defeated before you; they will advance on you one way and flee before you seven ways.

**Deu 28:25** "Adonai your God will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you will advance on them one way and flee before them seven. You will become an object of horror to every kingdom on earth.

However, was it the Jewish people who protected themselves or was it Adonai who protected them?

Remember the time frame, Ahasuerus is usually identified as [Xerxes I](#) (486–465 BCE)

Do you remember how Adonai deals with Israel?

**Deu 30:1** "When the time arrives that all these things have come upon you, both the blessing and the curse which I have presented to you; and you are there among the nations to which Adonai your God has driven you; then, at last, you will start thinking about what has happened to you;

**Deu 30:2** and you will return to Adonai your God and pay attention to what he has said, which will be exactly what I am ordering you to do today - you and your children, with all your heart and all your being.

**Deu 30:3** At that point, Adonai your God will reverse your exile and show you mercy; he will return and gather you from all the peoples to which Adonai your God scattered you.

**Deu 30:4** If one of yours was scattered to the far end of the sky, Adonai your God will gather you even from there; he will go there and get you.

**Deu 30:5** Adonai your God will bring you back into the land your ancestors possessed, and you will possess it; he will make you prosper there, and you will become even more numerous than your ancestors.

So, I will go out on a limb and say that the king of Persia, may have decreed and made legal, giving the Jewish people the right to defend themselves, but I believe it was Adonai who truly protected them.

The time of judgment was over, Israel was returning to their place after a 70 year timeout.

**Est 8:15** Meanwhile, Mordechai left the king's presence arrayed in royal blue and white, wearing a large gold crown and a robe of fine linen and purple; and the city of Shushan shouted for joy.

**Est 8:16** For the Jews, all was light, gladness, joy and honor.

**Est 8:17** In every province and city where the king's order and decree arrived, the Jews had gladness and joy, a feast and a holiday. Many from the peoples of the land became Jews, because fear of the Jews had overcome them.

**2Ti 3:14** But you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, recalling the people from whom

you learned it;

**2Ti 3:15** and recalling too how from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which can give you the wisdom that leads to deliverance through trusting in Yeshua the Messiah.

**2Ti 3:16** All Scripture is God-breathed and is valuable for teaching the truth, convicting of sin, correcting faults and training in right living;

**2Ti 3:17** thus anyone who belongs to God may be fully equipped for every good work.

**Est 9:4** For Mordekhai had become a powerful person in the king's palace, and his fame had spread through all the provinces; Mordekhai continued to grow increasingly powerful.

**Est 9:5** The Jews put all their enemies to the sword; there was great slaughter and destruction, as they did whatever they wanted to those who hated them;

If Adonai was not in this, Israel would not have succeeded.

**Est 9:20** Mordekhai recorded these events and sent letters to all the Jews in all the provinces of King Achashverosh, both near and far,

**Est 9:21** instructing them to observe the fourteenth day of the month of Adar and the fifteenth day, every year,

**Est 9:22** [*to commemorate*] the days on which the Jews obtained rest from their enemies and the month which for them was turned from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; they were to make them days of celebrating and rejoicing, sending portions [*of food*] to each other and giving gifts to the poor.

**Est 9:23** So the Jews took it upon themselves to continue what they had already begun to do, and as Mordekhai had written to them;

**Est 9:24** because Haman the son of Hamdata the Agagi, the enemy of the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them and had thrown pur (that is, "cast lots") to crush and destroy them;

**Est 9:25** but when Ester came before the king, he ordered by letters that [*Haman's*] wicked scheme, which he had plotted against the Jews, should recoil on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.

**Est 9:26** This is why these days have been called Purim, after the word pur. Thus, because of everything written in this letter, and what they had seen concerning this matter, and what had come upon them,

**Est 9:27** the Jews resolved and took upon themselves, their descendants and all who might join them that without fail they would observe these two days in accordance with what was written in [*this letter*] and at the appointed time, every year;

**Est 9:28** and that these days would be remembered and observed throughout every generation, every family, every province and every city; and that these days of Purim would never cease among the Jews or their memory be lost by their descendants.