

“The Christ-idea was in the world before Moses lived. Adam and Eve received the first promise of his appearing...Enoch, the seventh from Adam, predicted his coming with his ten thousand saints; Abraham saw his day and was glad...(Moses) was caused by Yahweh to put them on record, and to commit the writings to the custody of the Hebrew nation...the Christ-idea and the Christ-doctrine originated with Moses...After him the Christ-idea was...represented by Joshua at the head of Yahweh’s hosts in the conquest of the Holy Land from the Gentiles. It was also dramatized in the history of David and Solomon, and the Mosaic doctrine concerning Christ, amplified by Samuel, David, Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and all the prophets ...We **MUST STUDY Moses and the prophets, or we can **KNOW NOTHING** as we ought to know it concerning the ‘Wonderful One,’ ...IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW GOD APART FROM THE CHRIST-DOCTRINE OF MOSES AND THE PROPHETS; for the knowledge of Christ is the knowledge of God-manifestation to man.” *Phanerosis, pg 77-78***

Class Four—Salvation is of the Jews

Est 5:1 Now it came to pass *on the third day*, that Esther *put on her royal apparel*, and stood in the INNER COURT of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house. NIV “facing the entrance”

On the Third Day—reps. death and resurrection to life; the covering in Christ. This phrase is used for the offering of Isaac at the hand of his father, Abraham (Gen 22:4); when David received the crown at the hand of the Amalekite (2Sam 1:1-16); when Hezekiah recovered from his sickness (2Kin 20:5). Reps. Jesus raised from the grave as high priest and mediator (Luke 24:46; Acts 10:40).

Royal Apparel—clothed with proper garments of to enter into the “*inner court*” and presence of the King’s who sat on “his royal throne.” She is clothed with the sacrifice of Jesus Christ (Rom 6).

Heb 4:14-16 “Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us *hold fast our profession*. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin. *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need*”

Heb 10:19-23 “Having therefore, brethren, boldness (confidence) to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And *having* an high priest over the house of God; *Let us draw near* with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us *hold fast the profession* of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)”

Note this next phrase—

Est 5:2 And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, *that she obtained favour in his sight:* and *the king held out* to Esther *the golden sceptre that was in his hand.* *So Esther drew near,* and touched the top of the sceptre.
(the Mercy Seat principle)

Obtained Favour—appears 70 times in KJV. Only those considered “good” or “righteous” obtain Yahweh’s favour (Psa 5:12; Pro 11:27; 12:2); those that cleave to “mercy and truth” (Pro 3:1-3). Because she obeyed Mordecai’s command her acceptance was certain.

Sceptre—Hand—Jesus Christ, the means of grace (Psa 45:6; 80:17)
Heb 1:8 “Unto the Son *he saith,* Thy throne, O God, *is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom*”
(Gen 49:10; Num 24:17)

Est 5:3 Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what *is thy request?* it shall be even given thee *to the half of the kingdom.*
(Est 5:6; 7:2; Mark 6:23)

Est 5:4 And Esther answered, If it seem good unto the king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him. According to his will (1John 5:14)

Est 5:5 Then the king said, Cause Haman to make haste, that he may do as Esther hath said. So THE KING AND HAMAN came to *the banquet that Esther had prepared*.

Est 5:6 And the king said unto Esther at *the banquet of wine*, What is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? even *to the half of the kingdom* it shall be performed. “Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom” Luke 12:32

Banquet of Wine—symbol for covering of sin (Mat 26:27-28). Thus, the necessity of these two powers at the banquet of the bride.

King and Haman—The Supreme Righteous One and The Great Evil One both present. It is critical that both of these principles are addressed in the ecclesia. Sin cannot be atoned for if it is not dealt with at the “banquet.” * Same word as “feast” that Vashti refused!

- **There are Two Banquets of Wine. At the first, the King and Haman are present with the Bride. Between the two banquets the Chronicles are read and Mordecai is exalted. At the second banquet, Haman is revealed and brought to destruction. The first revealed Mordecai's destruction of sin, personally, and the second the destruction of sin in Haman, politically.**

Mat 26:27-29 "And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, *which is shed for many for the remission of sins*. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you *in my Father's kingdom*"

- The issues are "SIN" and the "KINGDOM." This is why the saints are always placed in positions related to various Kingdoms of Men and their respective authorities (*Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Daniel, Nehemiah, Christ, Paul, Esther*). It shows the contrast between the Kingdom of God and Men.

- **WHY** does the destruction of **HAMAN** represent two things: **Sacrifice of Christ** (destroying the **Diabolos**), and **Destruction of the Gogian host** (political)? Why are the two events represented together in this one man and incident?
- Because the two actions are simultaneous. The Jews did not understand the sacrifice of **Messiah** at his first advent, and must do so at his second when he appears the **Second Time without Sin** to destroy **Gog**.
- The well-known quotation “they shall look on me whom they pierced” is used for both advents of Christ (first, sharing our nature; second, at his return). This shows the death of Christ is connected with both advents—

John 19:34-37 “One of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water...that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, *They shall look on him whom they pierced*”
(Psa 22:16-17)

Zec 12:7 The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify *themselves* against Judah.

Zec 12:8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David *shall be* as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.

Zec 12:9 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

Zec 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and *they shall look upon me whom they have pierced*, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his only son*, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his firstborn*. (“a great mourning” v. 11)

- The Jews must connect the Messiah with his first advent.

□ “Salvation will *not only* be from the overwhelming power of Gog, but also from Israel's past transgressions and rebellion against their King, which separated them in times past (Isa. 59:2). Then, the promises to the fathers of Israel will be achieved. The word ‘save’ is from the Hebrew *yasha*, the root form of the name Yahoshua (Jesus). This salvation *will require* the Jews to acknowledge and acclaim the Lord Jesus as their Messiah (Phil. 2:10).”—*Expositor, HPM*

□ “As the Jews experience the divine goodness, and come to recognise their past blindness and folly they are completely humbled. The revelation granted them will call for a national day of humiliation, by which they recognise their guilt, and that the land has been defiled by blood (Num. 35:33). This will require some formal ceremony of expiation, such as is suggested by the requirements of the Law in connection with an unsolved murder (Deu. 21:1, 5) and the plea that follows (v. 7).”—*HPM*

Est 5:6 And the king said unto Esther *at the banquet of wine*, What is thy petition?...

Est 5:7 Then answered Esther...

Est 5:8 **If** I have found favour in the sight of the king, and **if** it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, *let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do to morrow as the king hath said.*

Tomorrow—this would have been the day Christ was resurrected from the grave! Passover began on the eve of 14th Day of the First Month (Num 28:16). 13th + 3 days + tomorrow

Est 3:12 “Then were the king's scribes called on the *thirteenth day of the first month*”

Est 4:16 “Fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink *three days, night or day*”

Est 5:1, 4 “On *the third day*” ...“*come this day* unto the banquet.”

Est 5:9 Then went Haman forth that day *joyful and with a glad heart*: but when Haman saw *Mordecai in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation against Mordecai.*

Stood Not Up, Nor Moved—tremble, fear. NIV has “nor showed fear.” RSV has “nor trembled before him.” No fear in Mordecai.

Heb 5:7 “Who *in the days of his flesh*, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to *save him from death, and was heard in that he feared*” (no longer a fear of death)

Heb 2:14-15 “As the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And *deliver them who through fear of death* were all their lifetime subject to bondage” (2Cor 13:4)

Rom 6:9-10 “Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; *death hath no more dominion over him*”

Est 5:10 Nevertheless *Haman refrained himself*: and when he came home, he sent and called for *his friends*, and *Zeresh his wife*. (*Haman reps. a company of nations*)

Est 5:11 And Haman told them of the glory of his riches, and the *multitude of his children*, and all *the things* wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king.

Est 5:12 Haman said moreover, Yea, *Esther the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the banquet that she had prepared but myself*; and to morrow am I invited unto her also with the king. (*convincing his friends of his might*)

Multitude—word distinctly associated with the confederacy of nations against Israel, led by Gog. Amalek was often confederate with other nations against Israel (Jud 3:13; 6:3, 33; 7:12)—

“There shall they bury *Gog and all his multitude*” Eze 39:11

“*Multitudes, multitudes* in the valley of decision” Joel 3:14

Est 5:13 Yet *all this availeth me nothing*, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting *at the king's gate*.

The Jew sits at the King's Gate—Kingdom of men are consumed with the Jews, who are “God's chosen people” (Deu 7:6).

Est 5:14 Then said *Zeresh his wife* and all his friends unto him, *Let a gallows* be made of fifty cubits high, and to morrow speak thou unto the king *that Mordecai may be hanged thereon*: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused *the gallows* to be made. (*mg. “tree”*)

Tree—crucifixion (1Pet 2:24) second time it is mentioned (Est 2:23)

Heb 9:26-28 “He appeared *to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself*. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him *shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation*”



Zeresh—the feminine or ecclesiastical counterpart to Agag, the Roman Catholic system.

Marriage—represents a political alliance (1Kin 16:31; 2Chr 18:1).

Pope Francis and Russian President Putin meet 6/11/15 in Vatican.

Putin is using religious and moral principles to promote his position.

“Vladimir Putin Claims Russia is Moral Compass of the World”

The Telegraph 12/12/13

Americans Continue to Shift Left on Key Moral Issues

	2001	2015	Change
	%	%	(pct. pts.)
Gay or lesbian relations	40	63	23
Having a baby outside of marriage*	45	61	16
Sex between an unmarried man and woman	53	68	15
Divorce	59	71	12
Medical research using stem cells obtained from human embryos*	52	64	12
Polygamy (when a married person has more than one spouse at the same time)**	7	16	9
Cloning humans	7	15	8
Doctor-assisted suicide	49	56	7
Suicide	13	19	6
Gambling**	63	67	4
Abortion	42	45	3
Cloning animals	31	34	3
Buying and wearing clothing made of animal fur	60	61	1
Married men and women having an affair	7	8	1
The death penalty	63	60	-3
Medical testing on animals	65	56	-9

Note: Sorted by change in the percentage saying each is "morally acceptable"; unless otherwise marked, issues first measured in 2001

* First measured in 2002

** First measured in 2003

GALLUP

Society in the West continues to slide, and even promote a culture of immorality.

What used to be “wrong,” years ago, is now considered “normal” and “acceptable.”

Isa 5:20 “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter”

(Pro 17:15; Jer 23:14).

Zeresh—some historians determine her name means “golden one.” Others say it rep. “the goddess.” System of worship.

Gold represents Babylon—Nebuchadnezzar: “Thou art this head of gold” (Dan 2:38/3:1). Contrast Esther—Silver/Redemption

Rev 17:1-5 “Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: *With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication*, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and *decked with gold* and precious stones and pearls, *having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication*: And upon her forehead *was* a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS...”

Chapter Six—The Exaltation of Mordecai

Est 6:1 On that *NIGHT could not the king sleep, and he *commanded* to bring *the book of records of the chronicles*; and they were read before the king.

Est 6:2 And *it was found written*, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus. ***NIGHT — Gentile times (Dan 7:2,13)**

Book of Records—book of life, daily affairs (Eureka Vol 1, pg 360-4):

Php 4:3 “my fellowlabourers, whose names *are in the book of life*” (Rev 3:5; cf. 13:8; 17:8)

Rev 20:12 “*the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life*: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works” (Rev 21:27; 22:19)

- Christ the “firstborn from the dead,” then his brethren (Heb 12:23)

1Cor 15:20-23 “But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and become the firstfruits of them that slept*. For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: *Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming*” (Rom 8:29; Col 1:15-18)

Mal 3:16 “Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard *it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name*”

(Exo 32:32)

Could Not Sleep—awake to the times and seasons (1The 5:1-9).
Represents unsettled business regarding the Kingdom (Dan 2:1).

- The “third day” is also when Israel will be resurrected from the time of Gentile oppression. See: Hos 6:1-3

Chronicles—record primarily the religious aspect of *the throne of the kingdom*, written by the hand of the prophets (same word: 1Kin 14:19,29; 15:7,31; 22:39).

1Chr 29:29-30 “Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, *they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer*, With all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the countries” **(same language used in Est 10:2)**

2Chr 9:29 “Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, *are they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat?*”

2Chr 32:32 “Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his goodness, behold, *they are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, and in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel*”

Est 6:3 And the king said, *What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this?* Then said the king's SERVANTS *that ministered unto him,* There is nothing done for him. *(the long space of time until his open reward)*

Est 6:4 And the king said, *Who is in the court? Now Haman was come into the OUTWARD COURT of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.*

Servants—the prophets foretold the death, resurrection AND the future reign of Christ. Luke 24:26-27 “Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, AND to enter into his glory? *And beginning at Moses and all the prophets,* he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself” Luke 24:44-46; Psa 22:1-31; 69:1-36; Isa 53:1-12; Jer 23: 5-6; 33:15; Eze 34:23; 37:25; Zec 13:7; Act 17:3; 1Cor 15:3-4; Heb 2:8-10, Heb 9:22-23; 1Pet 1:3, 11.

Outward Court—Esther entered the “inner court” (5:1). The “court without” is for Gentiles (Rev 11:2); and where flesh is put to death.

Est 6:5 *And the king's servants said* unto him, Behold, Haman standeth in the court. And the king said, Let him come in. *(the King's servants will see the advancement of Agag)*
Est 6:6 So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour? *Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honour more than to myself?* (Pride goes before the Fall—Pro 16:18; 18:12; Luke 14:11)

Haman—Gog, moved by “Zeresh his wife” (3x), seeks to exalt himself to the highest and the destruction of the Jews.

Dan 11:36-45 reveals the common enemy among the Romish and Russian systems; much like Jezebel's influence on Ahab (1Kin 18:4; 21:5-15). Rev 17:2

Thought in his heart—the motive of Haman Agagite:

Eze 38:10 “(Gog) at the same time shall things *come into thy mind*, and thou shalt *think an evil thought...*”

The Political—Religious Alliance

Two systems collide

King and Esther— Moredcai's exaltation, salvation of the Jews

Haman and Zeresh— Mordecai's destruction, death of the Jews

- **Two legs of Daniel's image, brass and iron elements among other prophetic symbols—Edom—demonstrate the confederacy of Gog and the Papacy. In fact,**
- **The Russian Greek Orthodox Church is the largest “Christian” land owner in Israel today.**

□ **“The Patriarchate owns numerous plots of land in the country, *most of them in Jerusalem*. It is considered the *largest land owner* among the Christian churches in Israel”—
*Almonitor***

Edom: the alliance between Gog (Russian) and Harlot (Catholics). The battle of Genesis 14 Abraham vs. the kings... etc. and many other direct and symbolic prophecies. See: Eureka Vol. 5, pg 50

Israel's Exaltation

Israel "brought back from the *sword*" (Ezek. 38:8)

Israel is brought out "the *valley* which *was* full of bones (Eze 37:1)

"I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your *graves*, O my people" (Ezek. 37:12)

"And behold a *shaking*, and the bones came together" (Ezek. 37:7)

Deu 28:25-26 (Israel) "thy carcass shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth"

Gog's Destruction

"I will call for a *sword* against him" (Ezek. 38:21)

Gog and all his multitude buried in "the *valley* of Hamongog" (Ezek. 39:11)

"I will give unto Gog a place there of *graves* in Israel" (Ezek. 39:11)

"In that day there shall be a great *shaking* in the land of Israel" (Ezek. 38:19)

Eze 39:4 (Gog) "I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and *to* the beasts of the field to be devoured"

Est 6:7 And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delighteth to honour,

Est 6:8 Let *the royal apparel* be brought *which the king useth to wear*, and *the horse that the king rideth upon*, and *the crown royal which is set upon his head*:

Est 6:9 And...bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

Royal Apparel the King useth to Wear—clothed with the king's nature, even immortality (1Tim 6:16; 2Pet 1:4)

Horse the King rideth upon—symbol of the king's military might (Eze 38:4; Zec 10:3)

Crown Royal which is set upon His head—complete power stamped with the King's authority (2Tim 4:8; Heb 2:7)

- Haman's desire was that he should act in the capacity and authority of the King and His Kingdom.

Est 6:10 Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, *and* take the apparel and the horse, *as thou hast said*, and do even so to Mordecai THE JEW, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of *all that thou hast spoken*.

Est 6:11 Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback *through *the street of the city*, and PROCLAIMED before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour.

***The most open public place of display**

As thou has said—all the desires of the flesh in political, social and religious aspects will be given to their most hated enemy: Christ. The “man whom the King delighteth to honour” will prevail.

Rev 11:15 “Great voices in heaven, saying, *The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever*” (Dan 2:44)

The 4th Beast desires control of all kingdoms (Dan 7:23; Rev 17)

Mordecai Exalted—Haman Abased

These are simultaneous events. When the Lord is rewarded and openly manifested for his loyalty to the Kingdom and self-sacrifice, the Gogian host will be ripe for destruction. Yet, notice the amazing humility of Mordecai—

Est 6:12 And Mordecai CAME AGAIN TO THE KING'S GATE. But Haman hasted to his house *mourning, and having his head (rosh) covered*. Head covered—shame (Jer 14:4; Eze 24:17)

Came again to the King's Gate—Extremely significant. Mordecai is seen throughout sitting in this place as one of the King's servants (Est 2:19-21; 3:2-3...etc.). Although he has just been exalted to the highest status by the King, Mordecai is still the King's servant! He is exalted because he is Yahweh's "righteous servant" (Isa 53:11).

1Cor 15:28 "And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall *the Son also himself be subject unto him* that put all things under him, that God may be all in all"

Est 6:13 And Haman told *Zeresh his wife* and all his friends every *thing* that had befallen him. Then said his WISE MEN and *Zeresh his wife* unto him, *If Mordecai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him.* ***This is an acknowledgement of Biblical Truth***

Seed of the Jews—though the center of the world’s hatred, “*wise men*” recognize the enemies of the Jews will not prevail (Num 24:13).

Eze 38:16 “Thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, *that the heathen may know me*, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes”

- As the “seed” of Abraham, the Jews are to be a “great nation” (Gen 12:1-3) “above all nations” (Deu 14:2). Though “scattered” for disobedience (Deu 28:58-56; 4:25-27), Yahweh has not “forgotten” His covenant with His “people,” who will be “gathered” and restored (Jer 30:10-11; 31:1-2; Rom 11; Eze 36-37).

Est 6:14 And while they *were* yet talking with him, came *the king's chamberlains, and hasted to bring Haman* unto the banquet *that Esther had prepared*.

Esther Prepared—While Haman planned the destruction of the Jews, the Bride has prepared Haman's destruction. This is the time to which all saints look with anticipation. Both banquets of wine are very much related to the saints—

Dan 7:17-18 “These great beasts, which are four, *are* four kings, *which* shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever”

King's Chamberlains hasted to bring Haman—although Gog is planning the destruction of the Jews, the King has determined the “set time” to “put hooks into the jaws” of the Gogian Host to bring them to Judgment (Eze 38:4)! At such a time, He will move them into the Land of Israel. His servants assist in this process.

How does Esther—The Ecclesia—Arrange Haman's Fall?

- This must be answered by Christadelphians. To maintain the consistency of the prophetic parable, the espoused bride has much to do with expediting Haman's fall. But how?

Mat 6:9-10 "After this manner therefore *pray ye*: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. *Thy kingdom come*. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven"

Rev 6:10 "They cried with a loud voice, saying, *How long*, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?"

□ "Believers of every age have echoed the appeal 'How long?' as they have awaited the consummation of the Divine purpose at the coming of the Lord"—*Expositor, HPM*

Rev 22:20 "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus" ([Eph 3:10](#))

Rev 8:1-7 “And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and *there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. And the seven angels which had the SEVEN TRUMPETS prepared themselves to sound. The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up”*

Rev 9:13-14 “And the sixth angel sounded, and *I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates”* **1Tim 2:1-2**

Chapter Seven—Destruction of the Bride's Enemy

Est 7:1 So the king and Haman came to **banquet* with Esther the queen. ***Heb. "to drink"**

Est 7:2 And the king said again unto Esther *on the second day at the banquet of wine*, What is thy petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? and it shall be performed, *even* to the half of the kingdom.

Second Banquet of Wine—after the first, Mordecai is exalted. This time, the "wine" is associated with the destruction of Haman.

Isa 51:21-23 "Hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine: Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God *that* pleadeth the cause of his people, *Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again: But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over"*

First Banquet—bride communes with both the King and Haman, understanding the judgment of “wine” upon Israel; oppressed and chastened by the Gentiles. Power has been given to Haman (Isa 51:17; Jer 25:15-17; 49:12; Eze 23:28-32)

Second Banquet—Haman’s intent to completely destroy the Jews is met with judgment upon Himself (held in Shushan):

Zec 12:1 The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

Zec 12:2 Behold, *I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about*, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah *and* against Jerusalem.

Zec 12:3 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: *all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces*, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

Jer 31:10-11 *“He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he”*

- **Mordecai and Esther start out as insignificant people in the vast Kingdom of Men, and yet both rise to govern the world, by permission and authority of the King. As with the natural Jew, so with the inward Jew.**

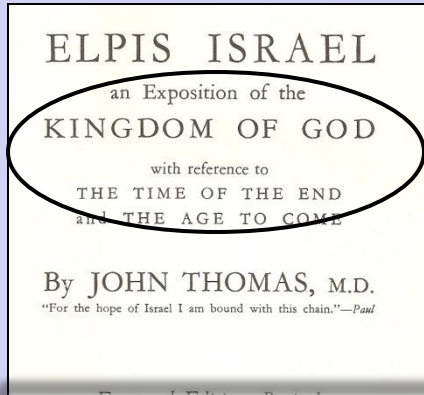
Rev 7:13-14 *“And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb”*

2Tim 2:12 *“If we suffer, we shall also reign with him”*

Israel is the Kingdom of God: Past and Future

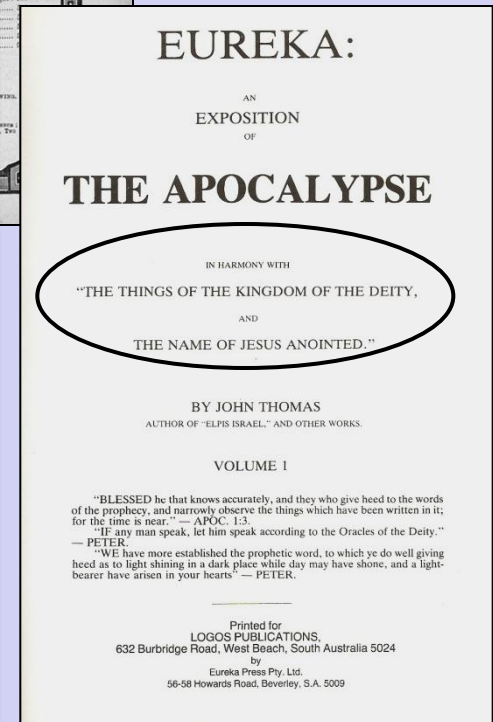
- “Jesus said unto them...in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel”—Mat 19:28
- In Bible language, it is the “Kingdom of Men” in contrast to the “Kingdom of God” (Dan 2: 38-45); the Gentile nations in contrast to the Jewish nation of Israel.
- **“The restoration of Israel is a most important feature in the divine economy. *It is indispensable to the setting up of the Kingdom of God; for they are the Kingdom*, having been constituted such by the covenant of Sinai...It is evident from this, that they (the apostles Acts 1:3-6) regarded Israel as having once possessed the Kingdom, and expected the same Israel to possess it again. No other meaning can be put upon their words”—Eplis Israel, pg. 439**

THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM: THE HOPE OF ISRAEL



Half of the articles of Faith in the BASF relate specifically to the details of the Kingdom of God.

“As the title implies, great emphasis is given to the doctrine of the Kingdom of God, while the doctrine of the Atonement receives what might appear to be only incidental reference ...The doctrine of the Kingdom was neglected or misrepresented; on the necessity of the Cross there was general agreement even though atonement was distorted into the appeasing of an angry Deity”—*Preface, 100 years writing of Elpis Israel see: page 314*



Parables of Marriage

Mat 22:2-3 “The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son, And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come”

Mat 25:1 “Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom”

Joh 2:1-2 “And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage”

Rev 19:7-8 “Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints”

Rev 21:1-2 “And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, *new Jerusalem*, coming down from God out of heaven, *PREPARED as a bride adorned for her husband.*”

□ “The ‘adornment’ is the perfection of character and nature that Christ desires to see in those whom he will take to himself as his own (Eph 5:26-27; Psalm 45:13-14; Isa. 61:10; 1Pet. 3:3-4).”—HPM, Expositor

- **The Book of Esther is beautiful revelation of Yahweh’s purpose. By means of His Word, those “lifted up in spirit” are literally and figuratively able to “see” events unfold, which are in perfect harmony with the Divine plan. These are things that are “hidden” from the wise of this world (1Cor 1-2), but revealed unto “babes,” or those of humble spirit (Mat 11:25).**