

Chapter 1 : The Word for Today with Ray: A Feast, A Good Day, and New Jews Esther - Equipped for Batt

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The Jews had light, gladness, joy and honor, and in chapter eight verse seventeen we see more of their celebration and how it affected others around them. We read: And in every province, and in every city, wherever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day.

The Book of Esther: Table of Contents 1: Thus shall there arise too much contempt and wrath. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked upon her. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence. And the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city Shushan was perplexed. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made. And the king said, Let him come 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? But Haman hasted to his house mourning, and having his head covered. 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. Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also before me in the house? Then the king said, Hang him thereon. And Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told what he was unto her. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman. So Esther arose, and stood before the king, 8: And the decree was given at Shushan the palace. And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them. Therefore for all the words of this letter, and of that which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come unto them, 9:

Chapter 3 : Gladness (83 Occurrences)

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Bible Concordance Gladness 83 Occurrences Mark 4: You will mourn, but your grief will be turned into gladness. You will make me full of gladness with your presence. WEY 1 Peter 4: I am Yahweh your God. YLT 2 Samuel 6: So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obededom into the city of David with gladness. Strength and gladness are in his place. They made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him to Yahweh to be prince, and Zadok to be priest. They sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshiped. There was very great gladness. Many from among the peoples of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews was fallen on them. See NAS Psalms God of the gladness of my joy: Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows. The hills are clothed with gladness. Let them rejoice before God. Yes, let them rejoice with gladness. Come before his presence with singing. See RSV Proverbs Also this over-against that hath God made, To the intent that man doth not find anything after him. They are glad before you as men are glad in the time of getting in the grain, or when they make division of the goods taken in war. See NAS Isaiah Nobody will tread out wine in the presses. I have made the shouting stop. See RSV Isaiah They will obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away. See NAS Jeremiah 7: Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place, before your eyes and in your days, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride. For I will cause the captivity of the land to return as at the first, says Yahweh. See RSV Joel 1: See RSV Zechariah 8: Therefore love truth and peace. Multi-Version Concordance Gladness 83 Occurrences. The expression of joy or gladness.

Chapter 4 : Esther: Chapter 8

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We invite both Jew and Gentile seeking to return to the Hebraic roots of our faith in Messiah Yahshua. We study and midrash on the weekly Torah portions as we gather at 4pm every Shabbat afternoon. We have Hebrew classes as well as Messianic dance classes when the need arises. The Jews promised to keep Purim and Chanukah throughout their generations as Days of gladness and feasting. In that sense they can also be called feasts. Why do we as Non-Jewish believers then want to celebrate Purim and Chanukah? This renewed Yisrael consists of Jews natural branches and non-Jews wild-olive branches. Together we are the set apart body of Messiah Yahshua. So by celebrating the two non-Torah commanded festivals called days of gladness, we are identifying with the Yahudim Jews. Although these two are non-Torah-commanded Feasts, they both have significant implications historically, futuristic, physically and spiritually both for physical Yisrael and renewed Yisrael those who have come to the Father through Messiah Yahshua His brought forth Son. More about Purim The Feast of Purim is a historical celebration of victory over foreign oppressors. Since that time Hebrews everywhere have celebrated this day of gladness with joy and ruckus! The day before Purim is observed as a minor fast-day. Participants can fast from sunset 13th of Adar until the next sunset 14th of the 12th Scriptural month called Adar since Babylon , or from sun up to sundown on this day of the 13th of Adar. We see in Ester 3: Mordechai heard about it and via him Ester. She then requested the 3day fast. Our Fast however, is observed on the 13th of Adar, the 12th month the same month as Purim , in memory of the Fast observed by the Yehudim Jews on the day of their mobilization for war against the enemies. When is the Celebration of Purim to take place? Why is the celebration on the 14th for some and on the 15th for others? So Purim gets celebrated on the 14th day of the 12th month Adar by the people in cities without walls. And on the fifteenth day of the month they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. In cities that were walled in the time of Yehoshua Joshua , Purim is celebrated on the 15th of the 12th month month of Adar. King Achashverosh lived in the walled capital city of Shushan. In commemoration of this, the celebrations on the 15th of the 12th month are now known as "Shushan Purim. We who are living here in South Africa, will celebrate on the 14th of the 12th month Adar. Therefore, because of all the words of this letter, what they had seen concerning this matter, and what had come upon them, Est 9: Through Yahshua, we who are not Yahudim Jews , have become part of the commonwealth of Israel Ephes 2 and 3 We are grafted in as the wild olive branches into the Olive tree of Yisrael Rom Like the people who joined the Yisraelites when they left Egypt, we too started to serve YHVH the true Elohim of Yisrael, following His Torah and leaving behind our pagan mixture practices. So now we identify with the Yahudim the Jews in celebrating this Feast Est 9: Traditions of Purim Judaism teaches four ways to celebrate Purim. Each of these four mitzvah good deeds are ways to experience the spirit of the season and the story. This is a time for family and friends to get together and celebrate being Yisrael. It is considered a great mitzvah to read the entire book and hear the entire book read on this day. There are many traditions surrounding this feast. You can adapt them to fit your congregation and family, or start your own. Festivity and rejoicing verses 19 and 22 Feasting - eating and fellowship. Eating is just as important on this day as anything else. For the Jews Yahudim it is customary to hold carnival-like celebrations on Purim. In Judaism, there is a unscriptural custom of drinking until intoxication. The Sages said, "A person is obligated to drink on Purim till he no longer knows the difference between cursed is Haman and blessed is Mordechai. We know though that we are not to get drunk on strong drink: Gifts to the poor verse 22 Poor people are also remembered on Purim. It is tradition to remember at least two poor people with gifts. If at all possible, these gifts should be sent by messengers, rather than delivered personally because the Megillah uses the word mishloach sending for these gifts. On the contrary, the congregation can applaud and celebrate when the Hero, Mordechai is mentioned. The custom of the Purim "gragger," was obviously introduced to amuse the children, and so keep up their interest in the reading, as children over 6 are also

required to hear the Megillah. There is an old joke about summing up this Hebrew feast: His mighty hand of deliverance is hidden, dressed up in a story of political intrigue. The events surrounding the Purim story have long since been attributed to divine intervention—and rightfully so. For even though the name of YHVH is not mentioned anywhere within the book, surely it is His mighty hand which delivers the Yahudim Jewish people from the evil plot of Haman. So we see that even though YHVH is not specifically mentioned—surely he was with his people! For, the Elohim we serve does not leave circumstances to chance! This is so prophetic for our day. They only see politics. They are blind and cannot discern the hand of the Eternal or the spiritual realities involved. Many Christians also do not yet want to see the mixture of Babylonian worship that has slipped into Christianity. Thank Elohim for his Ruach Spirit that is opening eyes and hearts all over the world for His truth. He is busy restoring His Assembly, His people. The Prince of Greece and the Prince of Persia The feast of Chanukah commemorates the victory over the forces of the evil Greek ruler Antiochus Epiphanes, whereas Purim is an annual reminder of the failure of the Persian Empire to exterminate all Jews. Both of these Feasts have end time significance. No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince. And in the first year of Darius the Mede, I took my stand to support and protect him. This demonic power is the same power which later inspired Haman to decree the annihilation of the Yahudim Jewish people. Persia is today called Iran. Iran represents the force of fanatical Islam, and their agenda to destroy Yisrael and take over the world for Allah. Whereas Iran represents the force of fanatical Islam, the prince of Greece is the power of the West and their globalist agenda. There is a spiritual battle going on in the heavenlies right now. The Battle Against Amalek Haman, who devised the plan in Persia to wipe out the Jewish people years ago, was a descendant of Amalek. Less than one year after Yasser Arafat died in , Mahmoud Ahmadinejad became the President of Iran and immediately began declaring his intention to "wipe Israel off the map. We must continue pray for Israel daily in the battle they are facing with their enemies. Who will take a stand for me against evildoers? And I shall take the heart of stone out of your flesh, and I shall give you a heart of flesh, Eze And I shall cause you to walk in My laws and guard My right-rulings and shall do them. And you shall be My people, and I shall be your Elohim. And I shall call for the grain and increase it, and I shall bring no scarcity of food upon you. And the wasted, the deserted, and the destroyed cities are now walled and inhabited. You have made the heavens and earth. Yahshua will come to rule and reign from Yerushalaim and the bride with Him. Abihail means "father of strength or might. They are sons and daughters of the Most High. On that day we say:

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A feast and a good day " That is, a time of feasting, rejoicing, and thanksgiving. Not only in Shushan, but in all other places where they resided, they entertained one another at their houses, and feasted together, being full of joy at this unexpected alteration of their affairs.

What a great privilege it is to serve the Lord! Great joy belongs to those who serve Him with gladness. Indeed, may all nations know the joy and peace that comes from serving the Lord! Here, in the opening words of Psalm , we read an exclamation of joy on the part of the psalmist in his own service of God. What the psalmist desired has been realized in this gospel age. People from all over the world are now, through the gospel of grace, serving the Lord with gladness. Believer, as a person in covenant relation with the Father through faith in His Son, you are greatly privileged and blessed to be numbered among those that may serve the Lord in gladness. Let us consider together the nature of our glad service by answering several questions. First, what does serving the Lord with gladness mean? How might we serve the Lord in gladness? What happens when we cease to serve the Lord with gladness? And finally, how may we restore gladness to our service to the Lord? What is it to serve the Lord with gladness? This is the privilege of the people of God. Gladness of heart is the normal and fitting manner in which the people of Jesus Christ live out their daily lives. Although we ought always serve the Lord in gladness, there are times when the people of God experience special times of gladness. For example, after the Lord brought an end to a great plague in Israel, the people rejoiced greatly. And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: In the days of Esther, after God had wonderfully saved the Jewish people from annihilation by their enemies, the Jews rejoiced with great gladness. And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them. They sense that God has visited them with His grace and they anticipate their future as a secure and blessed one. This was the experience of Israel when Solomon was made king over Israel. God had given His people rest from their enemies; the kingdom was established. And did eat and drink before the Lord on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him unto the Lord to be the chief governor, and Zadok to be priest. The rebuilding of the ruined walls of Jerusalem was such an occasion. Gladness of heart is something that God grants His people. He desires that they who live in faith and obedience before Him may experience blessing of heart before Him. The psalmist celebrated God as the Giver of gladness when he sang to God, "Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased", and, "Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: We might begin by asking, what does it mean to "serving the Lord? They wrongly divide life into two categories, the sacred and the secular. However, it is error to departmentalize life. The Christian should view all of life as spiritual. One may serve the Lord as a butcher, another as a pastor, but both do serve the Lord and both may do so in gladness. Although a workplace that is characterized by ungodliness and unrighteousness will certainly be distressing and unpleasant for the Christian, nevertheless, he may serve the Lord with gladness even in that place as he believes and rejoices in the fact that he is serving the Lord there. Paul stated that even slaves might take heart and serve God in gladness before their unbelieving masters: And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord you shall receive the reward of the inheritance: I have a friend, Jaraslov, who was raised in the former communist country of Czechoslovakia. His father became a Christian while living under that oppressive system. While unsaved and drinking in a bar, he agreed for a fee to translate the sermon of a Hungarian preacher who came into the bar to preach the gospel. He sought to work and live before the Lord with gladness of heart, raising his four sons under communist rule. His father lost ownership of the family farm to the communists; all private property ownership was outlawed. All of his property, including his farm animals and equipment, became state property. He no longer owned anything except his clothing and some personal possessions. Instead, they commanded him to remain there and work as before, only his harvest would belong to the state. Essentially, He had become a slave to masters on what was formerly his own property. Others in his community put forth little effort and energy in the work that was imposed upon them, dragging their feet rather than serving their

taskmasters. He purposed to serve with all his strength and might as he had done before, for he knew that in so doing he was serving his Lord. He could have become bitter and complaining, but instead he became a stellar witness to the gospel in that place. The father refused to become a member of the communist party. His friends and neighbors told him that to refuse to do so would permanently impose poverty and obscurity on his four sons. They would not be permitted to obtain a higher education if their father did not join the party. He prayed for years for his sons that they would receive an education. God showed Himself powerful on behalf of this family. All four sons graduated from college. Three of the four obtained PhD degrees from Soviet institutions. My friend Jaraslov is a nuclear physicist specializing in molecular colliders and accelerators. He has been a visiting lecturer at Columbia University in Manhattan for the past two years. Of his three brothers, one is a research physician in Vienna working in cancer research, the other brother has his PhD in mathematics. The sum of the matter is this: Do you see that He has called to the place you now find yourself? Do you see that you may joyfully serve Him and be blessed of Him even if your conditions appear bleak by human standards? When we fail or refuse to serve the Lord with gladness, not only do we experience sadness and disappointment, but we also tend to alienate ourselves from others who are also serving the Lord. Serving the Lord without gladness leads to weariness, bitterness, and failure to serve the Lord properly and effectively. When we serve the Lord without gladness, we ourselves become discouraged in the work. We become disappointed with others and their service to the Lord. We become self-centered and characterized by self-pity. What are the major causes for deterioration in the quality of our spiritual service? First, serving the Lord out of wrong motivations will not bring gladness. They wrongly think that their giving of themselves and their service commends them favorably to God. This will not engender gladness, but smugness. Second, some serve the Lord out of a servile fear toward God rather than gratefulness to Him. These are like the first example, that their motivation is unsound. Some religions obtain most of their laborers through instilling this mindset in their people. Third, some serve the Lord for the praise of men rather than love for the Lord. When they do not receive the appreciation they believe they deserve, they become bitter and discouraged. Lastly, some serve the Lord because they see that much needs to be done and there is simply nobody willing to step forward and fill the gap. They are quick to step forward, but they do so grudgingly and certainly not with gladness. Ultimately, and I want to emphasize this, the major reason that some do not enjoy gladness in Christian service is that they have failed to maintain their ongoing fellowship with their Lord. Perhaps they have been busy doing things, but they have neglected the daily and necessary discipline of being with their Savior in quiet prayer and Bible reading. As previously mentioned, gladness in service occurs when a believer views his service conducted in the presence of the Lord and when it is rendered unto the Lord. But this understanding and awareness only comes when one is closely walking and talking with Jesus. Christians enjoy their Christian service most when they sense the presence of Christ with them while they are laboring. If we lose sight of Him, of His presence with us, the gladness of heart that the Lord gives is not present. We soon become weary and discouraged. Disappointment and disagreement with others follow shortly. The story of Mary and Martha entertaining the Lord Jesus in their home illustrates quite clearly what we are saying. It reads as follows: Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. Therefore tell her to help me. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her. Her sister Mary and their brother Lazarus also lived there. In this account, however, only Martha and Mary are mentioned. We read that Martha was serving Jesus and her other guests. She was doing a good work by preparing a meal for them. She was serving the Lord. Mary was right in sitting before serving, and Martha should have been doing so. Here was Martha, serving faithfully and energetically. But look how distressed she became!

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Mordecai went out in royal apparel. He was invested with the khelaat of official honor. A dress of blue and white was held in great estimation among the Persians; so that Mordecai, whom the king delighted to honor, was in fact arrayed in the royal dress and insignia. The variety and the kind of insignia worn by a favorite at once makes known to the people the particular dignity to which he has been raised. As they did to every province in the realm, and to every city in the province, where there were any Jews: Owing, however, to the apparent improbability of a large number of actual proselytes to Judaism among the Persians an occurrence of which there is no record outside this passage it has been suggested that by a very slight change in one Heb. It is however possible that the verb in the Hebrew[78] might mean, pretended to become Jews. Pulpit Commentary Verse The provincial Jews made the whole day on which they heard the news into a holiday, and not only rejoiced, but feasted. Many of the people of the land became Jews. Applied for and obtained admission into the Jewish nation as full proselytes comp. The fear of the Jews fell upon them. There was about to be in each great city where there were Jews a day of straggle and bloodshed. The Jews would have authority on their side Esther 9: Persons feared lest, when victorious, they might revenge themselves on all who had not taken their part, and thought it safer to become Jews than remain neutral. But it can only have been a small minority of the population in each city that took this view. There was no sudden great increase in the numbers of the Jewish nation. The rest coincides with Esther 3: The older explanation, mules, on the other hand, is founded on the modern Persian estar, which, to judge from the Sanscrit avatara, must in ancient Persian have been apatara. The contents of the edict follow in Esther 8: The appointed time is thus stated as in Esther 3: The Jews were thus authorized to attack and destroy all enemies who should assault them on the day appointed for their extermination.

Chapter 7 : King James Bible Concordance

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