



**Spring Holidays to Celebrate God's Deliverance
For His People - Purim, Passover,
Easter, and St. Patrick's Day
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1. The Spiritual War Between Satan and God's People - For thousands of years, Satan and his demonic principalities have persecuted Jews and Christians all over the world. "Now when the dragon (*Satan*) saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman (*the Jews*) who gave birth to the male *Child (Jesus Christ)*. ... And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ (*Christians*) (Revelation 12:13,17). Satan's demons who inspire hatred against Jews are classified as antisemitism spirits. Those who inspire hatred against Christians and try to prevent people from coming to God through Jesus Christ are classified as antichrist spirits. Throughout history, God has delivered His people from these persecutions and even some of the persecutors from these demonic influences.

2. The Amalekite Spirits' Ongoing Persecution - After the Egyptian Exodus, the Israelites, who were being led by Joshua, won a defensive battle against Amalek. "Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Write this *for* a memorial in the book and recount *it* in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.' And Moses **built an altar...**; for he said, 'Because the Lord has sworn: the Lord *will have* war with Amalek from generation to generation'" (Exodus 17:14-16). Obviously, there are Amalekite, antisemitism demons actively warring against God's people from generation to generation. Example: Haman, an Amalekite, tried to have all the Jews in Persia killed 1,000 years after the Exodus. **Pray for the persecuted's safety and persecutors' deliverance from demonic deception.**

3. The Edomite Spirits' Ongoing Persecution - Esau's descendants (the Edomites) were affected by the "root of bitterness" described in Hebrews 12:14-17. One example, the Edomites helped Babylon loot and kill in Jerusalem (Obadiah 1). Another example, King Herod, an Edomite, (Wikipedia) ordered the babies of Bethlehem slaughtered, attempting to kill Jesus the Messiah (Matthew 2:16-18). God said, "Because you have had an ancient hatred, and have shed *the blood* of the children of Israel...blood shall pursue you...you shall be desolate, O Mount Seir, as well as all of Edom—all of it! Then they shall know that I *am* the Lord" (Ezekiel 35:5-6, 15). Edom and Mt. Seir are located in Jordan. Those antisemitism spirits are active in the Middle East, America, and around the world. **Pray these people learn who the Lord God is.**

4. The Prince of Persia's Ongoing Persecution - This is the territorial demonic principality over Iran (*Daniel 10:13, 20*), that attempted to annihilate the Jews in Queen Esther's day. Many Persians prepared for the massacre and looting, but God intervened. Today, this spirit is very active against God's people, both Jews and Christians, in the Middle East and across the world. In 1979, an Iranian leader coined the terms, "the Little Satan" for Israel, the only Jewish nation, and "the Big Satan" for the USA, a Christian nation. Even now, Israel defends herself after being viciously attacked on October 7, 2023 by Hamas, whose name is an acronym of an Islamic resistant movement and means "destruction" in Hebrew. Hamas is being funded by Iran and inspired by the Prince of Persia spirits. **Let's wake ourselves up and respond with urgent prayer. Pray for Israelis to look to God for deliverance! Pray against the rise and spread of antisemitism spirits and antichrist spirits.**

5. Purim - God Used Esther and Mordecai to Bring Deliverance to His People -

a. Every year, the Jewish people all over the world are to celebrate Purim on Adar 14-15, (Biblical lunar calendar) (Esther 9:20-22). This holiday is in remembrance of the deliverance of the Jews in the Persian Empire. Here's the story of what happened.

b. Haman, a Persian official and an Agagite (a descendent of the King Agag of the Amalekites) (Esther 3:1), hated the Jews and devised a plan to annihilate them in the Persian Empire (Esther 3:10 and 8:2). He got it approved by King Xerxes (Ahasuerus). Queen Esther, who was Jewish, was warned by her stepfather, Mordecai. He asked her to **speak up** and petition her husband to reverse the order. Queen Esther responded that it was the law that if anyone approached the king in the inner courtyard without being summoned, he must be put to death – unless the king holds out the golden scepter for him to remain alive. She explained that she hadn't been summoned to the king in the last thirty days (Esther 4:10-11). Mordecai answered her, "Don't suppose that merely because you happen to be in the royal palace you will escape any more than the other Jews. For if you fail to **speak up now**, relief and deliverance will come to the Jews from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows whether you didn't come into your royal position precisely for such a time as this" (Esther 4:13-14). Mordecai was **motivated with a sense of urgency, trusted God, and spoke up!**

c. **Realizing the urgency**, Queen Esther answered, "Go and assemble all the Jews to be found in Shushan (*Susa - Persian capitol*), and have them **fast** for me, neither eating nor



drinking for three days, night and day. I and the girls attending me will fast the same way. Then I will go into the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish” (Esther 4:15-16). As a result, King Xerxes extended his scepter to Esther and all the Jewish people were delivered. We face the same persecuting antisemitism spirits today that the Jewish people defended themselves against during Queen Esther’s day. In addition, we are persecuted by antichrist spirits. These are powerful spirits. **We must urgently fast, pray, and speak up!**

6. Passover and Easter - God Used His Son Jesus/Yeshua to Bring Deliverance and Salvation to the World - We celebrate Passover to remember how God used Moses to deliver the Jews from Egypt and Easter (Resurrection Sunday) to remember Jesus’ salvation for the world (John 3:16). Jesus was nearing the time for Him to be sacrificed for us as the Passover Lamb of God (John 1:29). He said to His disciples, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life” (John 12:24-25)! Jesus gave His life to deliver us from sin and to save us. Now He wants us to follow Him, to dedicate our lives to **winning souls**. How? by telling others God’s good news, that they can be: **1)** delivered from sin and demonic oppression and deception, **2)** saved through faith in Jesus Christ, and **3)** receive eternal life (Luke 9:23-27). Let’s see how St. Patrick obeyed Jesus and delivered and saved multitudes.

7. St. Patrick’s Day - God Used St. Patrick to Bring Deliverance and Salvation - On March 17, we celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. We remember God’s amazing deliverance of many in Ireland due to St. Patrick’s sacrifice to follow the Holy Spirit’s calling, to leave the comfort and safety of his home in England, and to return to Ireland where he had been enslaved. There he dedicated his life to **winning souls**, by spreading the gospel. By following the Holy Spirit’s calling and **urgent constant prayer**, St. Patrick delivered the Irish from the demonic spirits of Druidism and brought them to God’s salvation in Jesus Christ. **We must pray and win souls!**

8. Wake Up! God Wants to Use Us to Bring Deliverance and Salvation -

a. We celebrate St. Patrick’s Day and Purim as reminders of St. Patrick, Queen Esther, and Mordecai who were willing to dedicate, even risk their lives to deliver and save others. We are reminded of the Lord’s words to His disciples before He went to the cross, “This is my command: that you keep on loving each other just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than a person who lays down his life for his friends” (John 15:12-13). Do we love our people as much as those three did? **We must love others as they did!**

b. **We recognize the great task** we have in the San Francisco Bay Area. There are powerful antisemitism spirits and antichrist spirits active here. We recognize the great need for our San Francisco Bay Area, California, and the United States of America to repent and turn to God/ADONAI for deliverance and salvation. **We keep our eyes on Jesus, LORD of the Harvest and our Good Shepherd, who gave His life for us that we might live abundant victorious lives as sons and daughters of the Most High God. He is our Redeemer, Who is mighty to save!**

9. How do we fight against the spirits of antisemitism and the antichrist spirits that are coming against us, Israel, and our children? - “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons” (1 Timothy 4:1). “But know this, that in the last days **perilous times will come**” (2 Timothy 3:1-3). “You are of God, little children, and have overcome them (*demonic spirits*), because He who is in you (*Holy Spirit*) is greater than he (*Satan*) who is in the world” (1 John 4:4). **We are to imitate the examples of God’s heroes as they imitated Jesus Christ** (1 Corinthians 11:1).

a. Keep our eyes on God, recognize the great task, speak up, and love others!

b. Trust God - We really can be victorious in this battle for the soul of America. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart ... and He shall direct your paths” (Proverbs 3:5-6). If we repent and pray, God says, “I ... will forgive their sin and heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14).

c. Pray, Fast, and Engage in Spiritual Warfare using God’s Word - “Whoever calls on the name of the LORD will be saved (Acts 2:21, Joel 2:32, Ephesians 6:16-18).

d. Praise and Worship - These are such powerful spiritual weapons (Psalm 149) that God had the choir singing as it led the army to the battle (2 Chronicles 21:21). “The Lord strong and mighty, The Lord mighty in battle” (Psalm 24:8)!

e. With a Sense of Urgency, Win Souls - “And He (*Jesus*) said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned” (Mark 16:15-26). Cast off complacency!

10. God will give us the victory! - We too can be God’s heroes! Hallelujah! Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us” (Romans 8:37). Jesus/Yeshua is our Victory! “... at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:8-11).

In Jesus’ name, demonic spirits must bow! So let’s fight and celebrate!

