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ESTHER – PREVIEW

Wednesday evening begins the Jewish Feast of Purim. Tomorrow we will begin a short three-day series discussing it. Purim is based on the historical book of Esther from the Old Testament. I would suggest that you read through Esther today and tomorrow so that you will get more out of the study.

There are seven biblical feasts ordained by God and two feasts mentioned from the bible that were ordained by man for historical reasons.

The God-given feasts of the spring are Passover, First Fruits, Unleavened Bread (also called the Feast of Weeks) and Pentecost. The fall feasts given by God are Trumpets (Rosh HaShanah), Atonement, (Yom Kippur) and Tabernacles (Sukkot). These are all prophetic in their meanings.

The man-made feasts are Hanukkah and Purim. These were established to commemorate historical events that took place which preserved the Jews and their religious culture.

We will look at the historical setting for the Book of Esther, the recorded events, and how it is celebrated in these times.

Our Christian faith is rooted in the Jewish faith and scriptures. It is therefore beneficial to understand as much of the Old Testament as we can. It helps us to understand and appreciate the Jewish roots of Christianity.