



**Haftarah:** **Jer. 7:21-8:3; 9:23, 24.** From the heights of spiritual power and potential, Israel repeatedly sank into defeat and ended up in captivity, greatly reduced and the Haftarah comes to terms with this necessary spiritual reality. Unless we learn to walk with Him, He will take us into personal captivities until we come to terms with obedience and learn to walk with Him His way. He is, thankfully, a very stubborn G-d. In the end, it is never our personal, generational or cultural agendas which matter and He will keep pushing His agenda for our lives until we adopt it. **9:23, 24** (what are you boasting about in your life, your abilities or His?)

**Brit Chadashah:** **Heb. 8:1-6 (L); 9:11-28 (F).** All that was portrayed symbolically and ritually, our blessed Messiah fulfilled in reality. **8:6** (He gives us His best and is never happy with anything less in return. Are you giving Him your best?)

Now, our services are always a mixture of serious devotion and humour, because the joy of the L-rd is our strength. Sit back and relax and hear the story of Esther and how she turned the tables, so the dice (PUR in Hebrew) would roll in Israel's favour.

The major characters in the story come from the Book of Esther.

Esther the replacement queen  
Uncle Mordecai  
Xerxes the Persian king  
The evil Haman  
The evil Haman's wife  
And Bernie from Brooklyn who did the catering.

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