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Purim Message for Today

Anti-semitism can take on many forms for we have seen what is happening since October 7th unfold before our very eyes both in this country and around the world. We see the public statements that often straddle a blatant line while what we don't see, happening behind the scenes is more blatant.

Just some of the things I have been experiencing this past week has caused me to make this comment to Adonai...

"I don't understand"

People making such comments on social media about Israel's oppressive and apartheid nation. How people have embraced terrorist groups and their lies. The "new normal" is ignoring reality and the context, the facts, while embracing the lies.

Today, this is reality...

Isa 5:16 But Adonai-Tzva'ot is exalted through justice, God the Holy One is consecrated through righteousness.

Isa 5:17 Then lambs will be able to feed as if they were in their own pasture, and those wandering through will eat from the ruined fields of the overfed.

Isa 5:18 Woe to those who begin by pulling at transgression with a thread, but end by dragging sin along as if with a cart rope.

Isa 5:19 They say, "We want God to speed up his work, to hurry it along, so we can see it! We want the Holy One of Isra'el's plan to come true right now, so we can be sure of it!"

Isa 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who change darkness into light and light into darkness, who change bitter into sweet and sweet into bitter!

This mindset is not new nor is it going away any time soon. If anything it is becoming more intense. We are starting to see the nations coming against Israel. That Iran and its proxies would be supported by members of congress and protests would be waged in the streets across the world on their behalf.

Social media rampant with vitriol and hate speech draws parallels to that of the 30s and 40s, yet is even more wide spread.

Est 3:3 The king's servants at the King's Gate asked Mordekhai, "Why don't you

obey the king's order?"

Est 3:4 But after they had confronted him a number of times without his paying attention to them, they told Haman, in order to find out whether Mordekhai's explanation that he was a Jew would suffice to justify his behavior.

Est 3:5 Haman was furious when he saw that Mordekhai was not kneeling and bowing down to him.

Est 3:6 However, on learning what people Mordekhai belonged to, it seemed to him a waste to lay hands on Mordekhai alone. Rather, he decided to destroy all of Mordekhai's people, the Jews, throughout the whole of Achashverosh's kingdom.

Est 9:23 So the Jews took it upon themselves to continue what they had already begun to do, and as Mordekhai had written to them;

Est 9:24 because Haman the son of Hamdata the Agagi, the enemy of the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them and had thrown pur (that is, "cast lots") to crush and destroy them;

Where is the Ester of today?

Est 9:25 but when Ester came before the king, he ordered by letters that [*Haman's*] wicked scheme, which he had plotted against the Jews, should recoil on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.