

## **~ADAR (134)** **(A'dar)**

- The postexilic name of the 12th Jewish lunar month of the sacred calendar, but the 6th of the secular calendar.
- In the first month, that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, someone cast Pur, that is, the Lot, before Haman from day to day and from month to month, to the twelfth, that is, the month **Adar**. (**Esther 3:7**)
- It corresponds to part of February and part of March. It is after the month **Adar** that the intercalary month, called **Veadar**, or the **second Adar**, is added in certain years.
- During this month, which came at the close of the winter season and led into spring, the carob trees began to blossom in parts of Palestine, and in the warm lowlands the orange and lemon trees were ready for harvesting.
- By a royal decree of King Ahasuerus of Persia the 13th day of **Adar** was to mark the destruction of all the Jews in the jurisdictional districts of his domain, this at the instigation of his prime minister, Haman. A new decree, issued through Queen Esther's mediation, enabled the Jews to gain a victory over their would-be assassins, and thereafter Mordecai ordered the 14th and 15th days of **Adar** to be celebrated in commemoration of their deliverance.
- And there was a sending of the letters by means of couriers to all the kings jurisdictional districts, to annihilate, to kill and to destroy all the Jews, young man as well as old man, little ones and women, on one day, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, that is, the month **Adar**, and to plunder the spoil of them. (**Esther 3:13**)
- That the king granted to the Jews that were in all the different cities to congregate themselves and stand for their souls, to annihilate and kill and destroy all the force of the people and jurisdictional district that were showing hostility to them, little ones and women, and to plunder their spoil. (**Esther 8:11**)
- On the one day in all the jurisdictional districts of King

Ahasuerus, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, that is, the month of **Adar**. ([Esther 8:12](#))

- And in the twelfth month, that is, the month of **Adar**, on the thirteenth day of it, when the king's word and his Law came due to be performed, on the day for which the enemies of the Jews had waited to domineer over them, there was even a turning to the contrary, in that the Jews themselves domineered over those hating them. ([Esther 9:1](#))
- And the Jews that were in Shushan proceeded to congregate themselves also on the fourteenth day of the month **Adar**, and they got to kill in Shushan three hundred men, but on the plunder they did not lay their hand. ([Esther 9:15](#))
- And Mordecai proceeded to write these things and send written documents to all the Jews that were in all the jurisdictional districts of King Ahasuerus, the nearby and the distant ones. ([Esther 9:20](#))
- To impose upon them the obligation to be regularly holding the fourteenth day of the month **Adar** and the fifteenth day of it in each and every year. ([Esther 9:21](#))
- The Jews imposed and accepted upon themselves and upon their offspring and upon all those joining themselves to them, that it should not pass away, the obligation to be regularly holding these two days according to what was written concerning them and according to their appointed time in each and every year. ([Esther 9:27](#))
- And these days were to be remembered and held in each and every generation, each family, each jurisdictional district and each city, and these days of Purim themselves should not pass away from the midst of the Jews and the commemoration itself of them not come to an end among their offspring. ([Esther 9:28](#))
- This Jewish festival is known as Purim, a name derived from Pur, that is, the Lot.
- For Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the one showing hostility to all the Jews, had himself schemed against the Jews to destroy them, and he had had Pur, that is, the Lot, cast, to disquiet them and destroy them. ([Esther 9:24](#))

- But when Esther came in before the king he said with the written document; Let his bad scheme that he has schemed against the Jews come back upon his own head, and they hanged him and his sons upon the stake. ([Esther 9:25](#))
- That is why they called these days Purim, by the name of the Pur. That is why, according to all the words of this letter and what they had seen as to this and what had come upon them. ([Esther 9:26](#))

### See Also PURIM

- **Adar** is also the month in which Governor Zerubbabel finished the reconstruction of the temple in Jerusalem.
- And they completed this house by the third day of the lunar month **Adar**, that is, in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king. ([Ezra 6:15](#))
- Elsewhere in the Bible it is mentioned only as the twelfth month.
- And it came about in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin the king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, that Evil-merodach the king of Babylon, in the year of his becoming king, raised up the head of Jehoiachin the king of Judah out of the house of detention. ([2 Kings 25:27](#))
- The twelfth for the twelfth month was Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel, and in his division there were twenty-four thousand. ([1 Chronicles 27:15](#))
- At length it came about in the thirty-seventh year of the exile of Jehoiachin the king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-fifth day of the month, that Evil-merodach the king of Babylon, in the year of his becoming king, raised up the head of Jehoiachin the king of Judah and proceeded to bring him forth from the prison house. ([Jeremiah 52:31](#))
- And it occurred further that in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, on the first day of the month, the word of Yehowah occurred to me, saying; ([Ezekiel 32:1](#))

