- 1. Not in Lev 23, Chanukkah (fulfillment of Daniel) and Ester tied to Nicanor
- 2. The name of **YHWH** in the book of ester
- 3. Haman the Agagite
- 4. Amalek
- 5. Nazis citing Purim
- 6. Ten Sons killed in the 500, then Ester asked them to be hanged
- 7. Listing the ten sons names on a single page one on top of the other
- 8. Preceded by the word V'et ~ Vav-Alef-Tav

The main star's...

- Mordekhai from Benjamin adopts his niece whose parents were killed...
- His niece ~ Ester becomes queen to King Azeriouse
- Haman the "Agagite"

The term **Agagite** is used in the <u>Book of Esther</u> as a description of <u>Haman</u>. The term is understood to be an <u>ethnonym</u> although nothing is known with certainty about the people designated by the name. As the events of the <u>Book of Esther</u> occur in <u>Persia</u>, it is considered likely that the term refers to people from the Persian town of <u>Agag</u>.

A well known <u>Midrashic</u> explanation of the term relates it to King <u>Agag</u> of the <u>Amalekites</u> whereby it is viewed as meaning either a literal descendant of Agag or an <u>antisemite</u>, the Amalekites having come to be symbolic of the antithesis of <u>Judaism</u>.

Amalek was the son of Esau's son, Eliphaz Gen 36:12

Exo 17:14-16 Adonai said to Moshe, "Write this in a book to be remembered, and tell it to Y'hoshua: I will completely blot out any memory of `Amalek from under heaven." Moshe built an altar, called it Adonai Nissi [Adonai is my banner/miracle], and said, "Because their hand was against the throne of Yah, Adonai will fight `Amalek generation after generation."

Num 24:20 He saw `Amalek and made this pronouncement: "First among nations was `Amalek, but destruction will be its end."

Deu 25:17-19 "Remember what `Amalek did to you on the road as you were coming out of Egypt, how he met you by the road, attacked those in the rear, those who were exhausted and straggling behind when you were tired and weary. He did not fear God. Therefore, when Adonai your God has given you rest from all your surrounding enemies in the land Adonai your God is giving you as your inheritance to possess, you are to blot out all memory of `Amalek from under heaven. Don't forget! (Exo 17:8)

Now the physical seed will be destroyed, but it's more than that, it's whoever aligns themselves with the spirit of Amalek...

Rev 11:8 and their dead bodies will lie in the main street of the great city whose name, to reflect its spiritual condition, is "S'dom" and "Egypt" — the city where their Lord was executed on a stake.

So Haman, a picture of the anti messiah also shares the same defeat as Antiochus Epiphanes and his armies...

The Feast of Nicanor is March 7 (Adar 13) and celebrates the final defeat of Nicanor the general of Antiochus Epiphanies. This is sort of a follow up to Chanukah (1Macc. 7:48-50 & 2Macc. 15:36).

Which is interesting...

- 12 And the king said unto Ester the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the castle, and the ten sons of Haman. What then have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? Now whatever your petition, it shall be granted you, and whatever your request further, it shall be done.
- 13 Then said Ester, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews that are in Shushan, to do tomorrow also, according unto this day's decree: and let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows.
- 14 And the king commanded it so to be done, and a decree was given out in Shushan: and they hanged Haman's ten sons.

(Ester 9:12-14 HRV)

Esther's request seems odd. The ten sons of Haman had already been killed, why bother to hang them?

In the writings of the Rabbis and the Midrashim, we find several thoughts that could elaborate on this:

On the word "tomorrow," in Esther's request, the Rabbis comment:

"There is a tomorrow that is now, and a tomorrow which is later." (Tanchuma Bo 13 and Rashi on Exodus 13:14).

In other words, Esther was prophesying that the hanging of Haman's ten sons would not be s single episode in history, but would be repeated at a future "tomorrow" as well. Lets look at the original Hebrew of the Book of Ester...we cab clearly see, at first glance, that the list of Haman's sons appears on a separate page, written in a prominent, special manner: *EST 9:7*

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ואת
ואת
      פרשנד<sup>ת</sup>א
ואת
          דלפון
        אספתא
ואת
ואת
         פורתא
         אדליא
ואת
        ארידתא
ואת
       פרמשתא
ואת
ואת
          אריסי
ואת
          ארדי
          וייתא
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The left-hand column contains the word v'et (and) ten times. According to the Thirty Two Rules of Eliezer, the word v'et is used to denote replication. Thus, we may conclude that another ten people are also to be hung in addition to Haman's ten sons.

Who would these ten men be?

Lets now go forward in time 2,300 years forward in time.... Special newspaper editions on October 16, 1946 reported the execution of ten Nazi war criminals found guilty by the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal.

It should be noted Adolf Hitler banned the observance of Purim, declaring it a capital offense to possess a copy of the Book of Esther. In a speech made on November 10, 1938, (the day after kristallnacht), A prominant Nazi named Julius Streicher said that just as "the Jew butchered 75,000 Persians" in one night, the same fate would have befallen the German people had the Jews succeeded in inciting a war against Germany; the "Jews would have instituted a new Purim festival in Germany."

As a matter of fact many of the Nazi attacks against Jews often coincided with Purim. On Purim 1942, ten Jews were hanged in Zduńska Wola supposedly to avenge the hanging of Haman's ten sons. In a similar incident in 1943, the Nazis shot 10 Jews from the Piotrków ghetto. On Purim eve that same year, over 100 Jewish doctors and their families were shot by the Nazis in Czestochowa. The following day, Jewish doctors were taken from Radom and shot nearby in Szydlowiec.

In an apparent connection made by Hitler between his Nazi regime and the role of Haman, he stated in a speech made on January 30, 1944, that if the Nazis were defeated, the Jews could celebrate "a second Purim".

Amazingly, this outcome is hinted at in the Book of Esther!...

According to Nachmanides (the introduction to his commentary on Genesis) any change from the usual way of writing a word or letter indicates some hidden meaning in a text.

If we examine the list of Haman's sons, we notice that three letters are written smaller:

the taf of Parshandata

the shin of Parmashta

the zayin of Vizata

(The enlarged vav of Vizata may refer to the sixth millenium.)

The three letters together form taf-shin-zayin, the Jewish year 5707 (1946 C.E.), the year that the ten Nazi criminals were executed.

Of the twenty three Nazi war criminals on trial in Nuremberg, eleven were in fact sentenced to execution by hanging. But just two hours before the sentence was due to be carried out, Goering committed suicide--so that only 10 descendents of Amalek were hung, thus fulfilling the request of Esther:

"let Haman's ten sons be hanged."

Furthermore, although the trial was conducted by a military tribunal, the sentence handed down was not the normal death by firing squad, or by electric chair as practiced in the U.S.A. However, the court specifically prescribed hanging, exactly as in Esther's prophetic request: "let Haman's ten sons be hanged."

None of this was lost on Julius Streicher....[as The New York Herald Tribune of October 16, 1946 reported after he ascended to the gallows] "With burning hatred in his eyes, Streicher looked down at the witnesses and shouted his last words as he was hanged: "Purim Fest 1946!"... If we examine the calendar for that month. The date of the execution (October 16, 1946) fell on the Jewish festival of "Hoshana Rabba" (21 Tishrei). This is the traditional day all of Elohim's verdicts are sealed.

Again in the future the spirit of Amalek and the physical seed of Amalek will come against the son's of Israel...