Purim Study Questions

1. If Purim is not one of the ‘biblically mandated festivals’ (Leviticus 23), why do we celebrate it? Who instituted the celebration of Purim and why?
2. What are some of the customs associated with the festival of Purim?
3. What is the meaning of the word Purim? Why was this festival given the name?
4. What is the significance of the date when the edict went out for the Jews’ destruction?
5. What are some of the ‘chance happenings’ or coincidences in the story of Esther? Do you believe that all so-called coincidences are orchestrated by God?
6. What are some of the hidden elements in the story of Esther?
7. What is the spiritual symbolism behind the characters in the Purim story: Vashti, Esther, Mordechai, & Haman?
8. How does the Purim story relate to the situation in Israel today?
9. What is the message of the Holy Spirit to the church? For what reason have we come to royal position at this time?