



March 2015

Dear brothers and sisters in Messiah,

Shalom! שָׁלוֹם! Our hope and prayer is that you are encouraged in the Lord.

"Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of Jehovah unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith Jehovah of hosts." Zechariah 4:6

זְכַרְיָה 4:6 "וַיֹּעַן וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר יְהוָה אֶל־זְרֻבָּבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחֵיל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם־בְּרוּחִי אֶמֶר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

After a cold and snowy winter, we are enjoying a bright and sunny day. We can hardly believe it, the temperature is above freezing. Although we're told there's still some cold weather ahead, it is the month of March, and spring is on its way. In the Jewish biblical calendar, March 2015 is the month of ADAR 5775, a very important season in Israel's history. During this month, our Jewish people worldwide read the book of ESTHER, celebrating the feast of פורים, PURIM. This feast is one of the most important feasts for the people of Israel, in which they look back and remember God's faithfulness in protecting them from their enemies. PURIM is also known as the "Feast of Esther". In Hebrew we call this feast, פורים, PURIM, because of the LOT, PUR, which was cast before Haman the enemy of the Jews. We read in Esther 3:7 "In the first month, which is the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, they cast Pur that is, the lot, before Haman to determine the day and the month, until it fell on the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar." Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, wanted to annihilate the Jews from the face of the earth. Through the casting of a LOT he chose a day for their destruction. Haman had succeeded to influence Ahasuerus the king of Persia, by saying that the Jews were not profitable for him and that they should be destroyed. We read in Esther 3:13 these words, ".....letters were sent by couriers into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate

all the Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and to plunder their possessions.”

Can you imagine what that meant for our Jewish people? Humanly speaking, they had no chance of survival, they were hated and scattered over the 127 provinces of Persia. Outwardly, there was no hope for them at all. Israel’s enemy Haman, wanted, as verse 13 says, “to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day.” Where would help come from? Who would deliver them from this terrible plot? God, whose name is not even mentioned in the book of Esther, in His providential love and care for His people Israel, and in His sovereign plan for them, overruled this evil plan. God delivered his people from their enemies, using Mordecai the Jew and Queen Esther his niece. What a joyful day it was for the Jewish people. They were charged by Mordecai to keep a feast as a memorial. We read in Esther 9:20-22a, “And Mordecai wrote these things and sent letters to all the Jews, near and far, who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, to establish among them that they should celebrate yearly the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Adar”. Notice how God, in His care for His people, gave them rest from their enemies. “As the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day.”



Throughout Israel’s history, God has delivered our Jewish people again and again from all those who sought to destroy them. Today, our people need more than just physical deliverance from their enemies, they need spiritual deliverance from a greater enemy, and that enemy is sin. The only one who can deliver all of us from sin is our blessed Lord Jesus the Messiah. He is the one of whom we read in Romans 11:26b “as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.” This is why we need to share the message of the



gospel of our Lord Jesus, the Messiah, with the Jewish people, and all others who are willing to hear. Whether through personal visits, phone calls or e-mails, the Lord can use these occasions. Our weekly bible studies have been very helpful, they are in a setting where there is an opportunity to ask questions. We have found that a systematic, verse-by-verse bible study has helped us all in understanding God’s Word better. We are thankful to the Lord for your prayers and practical support. We are co-laborers in God’s great vineyard. Paul wrote these words to the Roman believers.

“Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me.” Romans 15:30

God, who is faithful to his people Israel, is also faithful to his Assembly, the Ekklēsia, the called out ones. Over the last 2000 years, Satan and his followers, the enemies of all believers in Jesus, has sought to destroy the assembly of the living God. We can rest assured that the promises that were given by our Messiah will surely come to pass. Yeshua's words to Peter bear this up. Matthew 16:18 "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." God will bring to pass all of His promises, both for Israel and for the Church.



Soon will the Master come and take us to be with Him in glory, never to be separated from Him anymore. What a blessed hope! "For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry." Hebrews 10:37

Please pray for:

- 1 – Our family in Israel, to come to faith in Jesus the Messiah.
- 2 – Our visits, contacts and bible classes.
- 3 – Holy Scriptures and Israel's Radio Program. www.holyscripturesandisrael.com
- 4 – Mina, our Israeli sister who will be having surgery this month.
- 5 – Upcoming baptism on the 21st of this month.
- 6 – The peace of Jerusalem.

זכריה 6:4 "וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי צְרָבָבֵל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחַיִּל וְלֹא בִכְחַץ אִם בְּרוּחִי אֶמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

God bless. In Messiah.

Gideon and Irene Levytam

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