



December 2015

Dear brothers and sisters in Messiah,

Shalom! שלום!

"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 "וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר-יְהוָה אֶל-זְרֻבְבָּל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחֵיל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אֶמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

As 2015 quickly draws to a close, and the New Year approaches, we reflect on the Lord's faithfulness and goodness to us this past year. We also await with anticipation the coming of our Lord for His assembly, to meet Him in the air, 1 Thessalonian 4. Then, we read in Revelation 19, that He will return to the earth in judgment, restore His earthly people Israel and reign as King of Kings over this world.

Our Jewish people have just finished celebrating the Feast of Dedication, Chag-Hanukkah, an eight-day celebration, which commemorates the rededication of the second temple in Jerusalem. Antiochus IV, a Greek-Syrian king who ascended to the throne of Greco-Syria, desecrated the temple. This wicked king took upon himself the title Epiphanies; God- Manifest and tried to force the Jewish people to worship Greek gods and forsake the God of their fathers. In the year 168 B.C. a statue of Antiochus was erected in the temple in Jerusalem and the Jews were ordered to bow down before it. He commanded the Jewish people to violate the Sabbath, and prevented them from doing circumcisions and keeping their God given feasts. Pigs were brought into the temple and sacrificed on the altar. This abominable act was perpetrated on the 25th day of the Hebrew month of Kislev, 168 B.C., leaving the Jewish people desolate. Daniel

prophesied of this event in the 8th chapter.

A small group of Jews called the Maccabees, rebelled, and after three years of war, around 165 B.C. they recaptured Jerusalem from the Grecians. After cleansing and repairing the Temple, they rededicated it to God by lighting the lampstand, the Menorah - which speaks of God's glorious presence among His people in the Holy Place. Jewish history tells us of God's grace and help in restoring and rededicating the temple for the service of the God of Israel once again. Only one small jar of oil was found, enough for one day to light the Menorah, but by God's grace, the oil miraculously stayed alight for eight days, enough time to prepare more oil. Our God is a God of miracles. He is able to wash and cleanse every one who will trust Him and His Son our Lord Yeshua the Messiah



It is to this temple, and to this Feast of Dedication – Hanukkah, that our Lord Jesus - Yeshua the Messiah came. We read of His appearance in the temple in John 10:22-23 **and it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, (Hanukkah) and it was winter. And Jesus-Yeshua walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.** It was also at that time that our Lord Jesus declared Himself as the light of the world, John 9:5b **I am the light of the world.** How thankful to God we all need to be, for His sending His very own Son the Messiah, to be the Light to this dark world. In Luke 2:32 we read; **A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.** Soon many around the world will celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus – Yeshua the Messiah, our prayer is that many will come to understand the reason that Jesus came into this world. He was born in order to die. He came to pay the price for the sin of the world; He died, and rose again in order to provide salvation, through faith, to all those who were in darkness. We read Yeshua's words of love which He spoke in the temple in Jerusalem. John 10:17-18 **Therefore doth my Father**

love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man takes it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. God in His grace brings individuals into our lives that need to know the reason the Messiah came into this world. We trust Him, that as we share the gospel of our Lord Jesus the Messiah with them, that they may come to recognize, by faith, that He is Lord and Savior.

At this year's end as we reflect on God's grace and faithfulness, we realize that it is the grace of the Lord for these believers who are a blessing to the Lord's work, they are a faithful witness to God's grace. One of these individuals is of our Lord Yeshua alone that has sustained us, and sustained the ministry among our Jewish people for all these years. The Lord has brought into our lives individuals who love God's word, and have a heart for God's chosen people Israel. These brothers and sisters want to participate in reaching the people of Israel with the gospel. At this point in time, Israel as a nation is partially blind, waiting the future day of its national salvation. Paul wrote to the Romans in chapter 11:26. **And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob;** but, until that glorious day comes, our Jewish people need to know NOW that Yeshua is their promised Messiah. So we thank our sister Carole Cooksey. We met Carole some years ago in St. Catharines, Ontario, where we held Bible study meetings. I asked Carole to remark on what the Lord has done in her life.

Hi, my name is Carole Cooksey, I help brother Gideon Levytam with the editing and airing of the radio messages and also the website messages. I would like to give a brief explanation as to how this all came about. I started attending bible study classes with Gideon in St. Catharines back in 1998-1999. He was then teaching the book of Revelation. I was taking notes to use as cross-references in future studies that I would do on this book; but I found when I went home and reviewed my notes, I was missing out on a lot that Gideon was saying. So I decided to start recording Gideon's messages with my little recorder, and would type the messages all out word per word at home, then edit the transcripts so I could use them for cross-reference later on. It started as a self-project for myself, but the Lord had bigger plans for my faithfulness in wanting to learn more about Yeshua. From the recording of Gideon's messages for myself, it grew. Gideon approached me and asked if he could have copies of the transcripts that I had done from his messages and also found out that I had software to clean and improve the audio tapes. From there, the Lord took a simple act of faith, where today, the messages are being broadcasted on the radio in the USA and in Canada also; and from the transcripts, from my notes, my simple desire of wanting to know more about who God is and treasure it for myself, Gideon has now printed 3 books on studies he has done of the bible, the book of Daniel, Romans and the latest of Revelation; and there will be more to come. I cannot express in words, the blessings that I have received from the Lord Jesus and how much my simple act of faith back in 1998 has grown in leaps and bounds till today, 2015; He never ceases to amaze me. I still have much to learn and will as I continue to work in God's work; as the Lord Yeshua said, may God's will be done in me.



Carole and other brothers and sisters like her are used by the Lord to be a blessing to many. We are so thankful for each and every one who participates with us in this little corner of God's great work. We value your prayers and support for the radio programs, we see that the Lord is using the radio Bible teachings. Lord willing, in January 2016, we will begin to air on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and on Sunday at 9:00 p.m., both of them will be 30-minute programs. This will be in addition to our regular Monday to Friday programs at 10:45 am at Joy 1250.

We are moving along with the planned bible teaching tour to the land of Israel, which Lord willing, will be in March 20-31, 2016. If the Lord lays on your heart to join us, please go to the website <http://www.holyscripturesandisrael.com/tours> there you will find all the needed info. Walking in the Land of Israel and in footsteps of Jesus the Messiah is an experience that you will never forget, as it really does make your bible come alive.

Irene and I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your prayers and your support of us and the Ministry of The Holy Scriptures and Israel. We realize that it is through the prayers of God's people that God's work is done. It has been said that prayer is the believer's greatest service, without prayer we are unable to fulfill the call of God upon our lives. David Israel's king, said in Psalm 55:17 **Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he (God) shall hear my voice.** And Shaul - Paul wrote to the believers in Thessalonica, in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 **Pray without ceasing.** Both these men of God and others like them encourage us to continue on in prayer. God does answer your prayers. We recently took up the subject of prayer, using David and Paul's words of exhortations in these studies. We had five lectures dealing with the Purpose, Power, Privilege and Practice of prayer and how God answers prayer. The Lord blessed our studies together, pointing us to the importance of prayer. We looked also at the need for prayer in every area of our lives. We need to cultivate personal prayer, family prayer, assembly prayer and public prayer. So once again thank you for your prayers, and like the apostle Paul we can say. **Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of**

the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: 2 Thessalonian 3:1

Please pray for:

- Our family's salvation.
- My elderly aunt Mazal who live in Jerusalem and not doing so well.
- Holy Scriptures and Israel radio programs. (For faithfulness in teaching God's Word)
- Holy Scriptures and Israel fellowship outreach bible classes and ministry meetings.
- All those who help in the preparation of the bible teachings messages.
- Request from KLTT/KLVZ in Colorado to have our program aired on their station.
- Jewish believers who need to be encouraged in their walk with the Lord Yeshua.
- Gloria, who recently became a believer in the Lord Jesus, and was just baptized.
- The peace of Jerusalem. (Psalm 122:6, **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee**)

*"For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth."
Isaiah 62:1*

יְשׁוּעָהוּ 1:62: לְמַעַן צִיּוֹן לֹא אֶחְשָׁה וּלְמַעַן יְרוּשָׁלַם לֹא אֶשְׁקוּט עַד יֵצֵא כְּנֶגֶה צְדָקָה וְיִשְׁוּעָתָה כְּלָפִיד יִבְעֹר:

God bless you.

In Messiah, Gideon and Irene

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Please pray for Israel to open their hearts and see Yeshua our Messiah who said, "I am the light of the world." John 8:12

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