



January 2016

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 6:4 "וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר-יְהוָה אֶל-זְרֻבְבָּל לֵאמֹר לֹא בִחַיִל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אֶמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

We thank the Lord Yeshua – Jesus the Messiah that we can begin 2016 with the words of the Psalmist of Israel who wrote in Psalm 46:1b: **God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.** The Psalmist continues in verse 11 saying, **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.** These verses are a great testimony to who God is. God is a refuge to the vulnerable; He is strength to the weak, and help for the helpless. As we saw the old year out with family, friends and neighbors, we enjoyed singing together songs of praise to our Lord and reflecting on His faithfulness. We read David's word of comfort in Psalm 23:1: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. Looking back on the Lord's many provisions we also remembered the trials, which our Lord allowed us to experience in the past year. I am sure that we have all experienced God's promises throughout 2015 and know that we can trust Him for 2016. Jesus's last words before He was taken to heaven were: ' Matthew 28:20b: So as we begin this new year of 2016, we pray that the Lord Jesus – Yeshua will bless you and give you the sense of His presence in every situation in your life.



Our Holy Scriptures and Israel Bible Fellowship meeting began the New Year with a special time of ministry, singing, and praising our Messiah Jesus who loved us so much, that He was willing to become our GOEL, our Redeemer. We read in Isaiah 59:20: **And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.** This Redeemer is our Lord Yeshua the Messiah of whom we read in Titus 2:14: **Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.** The ministry meeting was followed by a time of ONEG, this Hebrew word means a time of enjoyment and fellowship. A few of our brothers and sisters expressed appreciation for the outreach ministry of The Holy Scriptures and Israel and together we looked back on the ways in which our Lord Yeshua has led us over the years. We reflected on how God has blessed us to have an on-going and consistent teaching of God's word. We also thanked the Lord for the additional two days, Saturday and Sunday, in which our Bible teaching program began to air on Joy 1250 radio station, as of January 2, 2016. We are thankful for those of you who pray for us, and enable us to be on the air by financially supporting us. God is the One who uses us all in reaching out to believers and unbelievers alike.



Last Saturday, at our Shabbat outreach meeting, a precious elderly Hungarian-Jewish woman came to the meeting. This ninety-two year old woman is a holocaust survivor. She lived in Israel for twenty years, but she now lives in Canada. A friend, who regularly attends our services, brought her to our meeting. This elderly woman's heart was touched by the kindness of the believers that she met. Later on, she was driven home by another Jewish believer in Messiah whose

family are also holocaust survivors. SAPHTA, as she is called, which means grandmother in Hebrew, experienced much anti-Semitism in her life. But last Saturday while in the meeting she kept saying, THIS IS AMAZING, I've never seen nor heard anything like this before. She was amazed and humbled as she heard God's word taught in Hebrew and in English, the prayers and singing praises, exalting the LORD Yeshua the Messiah expressed in Hebrew-English. SAPHTA'S heart was touched as she listened to the message from the book of Ruth, showing Jesus the Messiah in the lineage as the promised Redeemer of Israel, and was really interested to hear of Yeshua our Messiah for the first time in her ninety-two years of life. As I taught from the New Covenant, she gazed on the New Testament and whispered to the friend who brought her, is that a Bible you are reading and look at the man beside me, he is reading the Bible in Hebrew, and he said Adonai in Hebrew. She has been speaking in Hebrew with excitement

since this meeting, telling many of her Jewish friends all she saw and heard. She is encouraging other of our Jewish people to come and see what she experienced; that there are Jewish people who are believers in Yeshua - Jesus. She keeps saying over and over, it is amazing what I saw, I cannot believe what I saw and heard, and she told her son who is an Israeli, all that she saw and heard. She thanked her friend for bringing her very sincerely, very graciously, with all her heart that she could experience this. Please keep this dear elderly Jewish woman in your prayers, that she too might see THE MESSIAH and through grace truly believe on Him and be born from above.

SAPHTA'S visit to our fellowship meeting, and her soul experience led by the Spirit of God, reminds us of the need that our Jewish people have; they need to hear God's word and the gospel message from a Hebrew - Messianic perspective, this is the burden that the Lord placed upon our hearts. We can clearly understand why the apostle Paul wrote to the Galatian brethren in Galatians 2:7 that the Lord called Shimon - Peter to reach his Jewish brethren, and that He called Shaul - Paul to preach the gospel to the nations of the world. Paul wrote: **But contrariwise, when they**

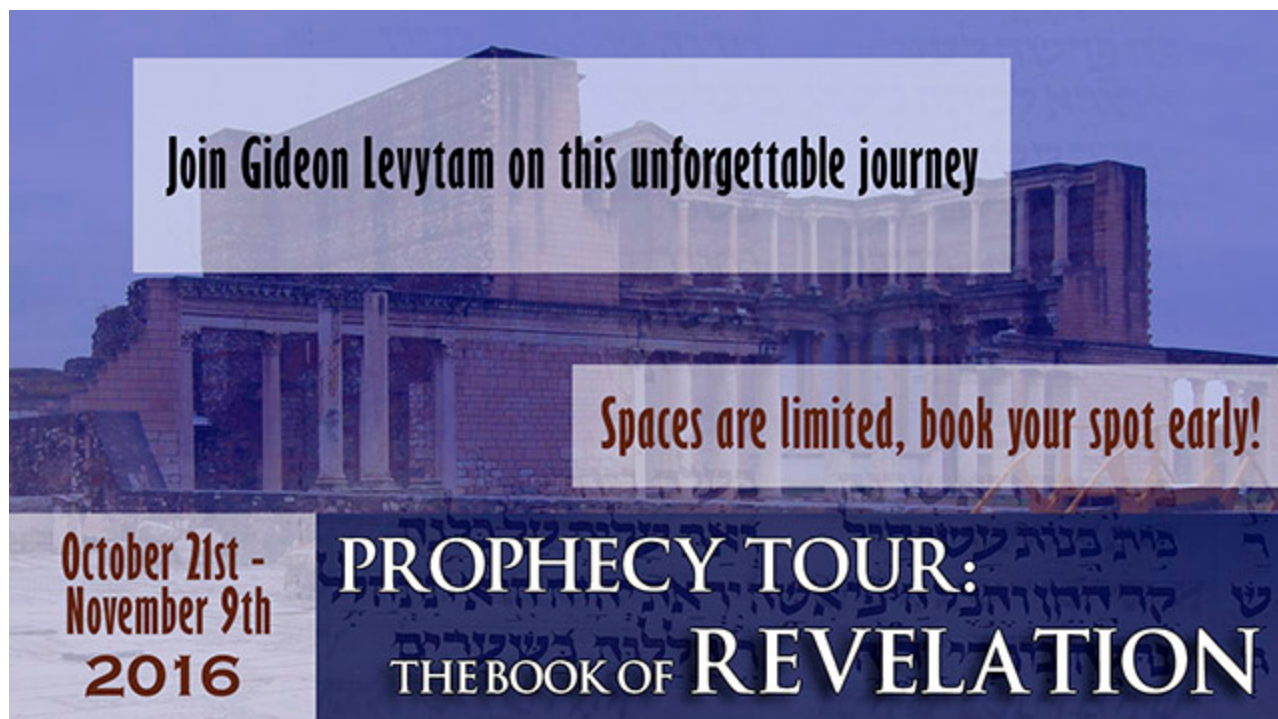


saw that the gospel of the un-circumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter. It is sad when believers in Jesus the Messiah neglect to remember the words of Shaul – Paul to the Corinthians, in 1 Corinthians 9:19-22: **For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; To them that are without law, as without law, being not without law to God, but under the law to Messiah, that I might gain them that are without law. To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.** May the Lord help us to be sensitive to God's Holy Spirit as we participate in this great work of His. May He help us to see the needs of presenting the message of the gospel faithfully to each group of people, and may the Lord lay on hearts to understand the Spiritual need of our Jewish people.

We want to thank you for your faithful support and we appreciate your continued prayers for us.

Please pray for:

- The salvation of SAPHTA, the elderly Jewish lady who is a holocaust survivor.
- The Holy Scriptures and Israel's Bible teaching meetings.
- Holy Scriptures Radio programs. <http://www.holyscripturesandisrael.com/radio>
- Our Israel Tour in March.
- Our planed Prophecy Tour for October-November to the seven churches, Patmos and Israel.
- New contacts and visitations.
- Young couples who plan to get married.
- The peace of Jerusalem.



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October 21st -
November 9th
2016

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"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

יְשַׁעְיָהוּ 62:1 לִמְעַן צִיּוֹן לֹא אֶחְשָׁה וּלְיִרוּשָׁלַם לֹא אֶשְׁקֹט עַד יֵצֵא כְנָגָה צְדָקָה וְיִשׁוּעָתָה כְּלָפִיד יִבְעֹר:

God bless you.

In Messiah, Gideon and Irene



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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