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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 "וַיֹּעַן וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר יְהוָה אֶל־זְרְבָבָל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחַיִּל וְלֹא בְקוֹחַ כִּי אִם־בְּרוּחִי אֶמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

In Scripture we are exhorted to always thank the LORD for His love and care, and the way in which He sustains His own. The Lord's goodness towards each of us is evidenced in every area of our lives, we experience His care day by day. We are reminded that even when trials come our way, we can look to our Lord *Yeshua* and praise Him for who He is and for what He had done for us. We are reminded of David, the sweet Psalmist of Israel, whose heart was always tender toward his God. When David brought the Ark of the LORD to the tent, David delivered a beautiful psalm of thanks and praise to the LORD, saying **Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever** (1 Chronicles 16:34). God's mercy toward His people is an everlasting mercy, may the Lord help us to feed on it.

Recently I had the privilege to visit with various individuals, including two special visits. We visited Saphta, the elderly Holocaust survivor, in her home, along with others from our Holy Scriptures and Israel bible fellowship. Saphta shared with us some of her experiences during the Holocaust, how she and her sisters were separated from their mother and how by God's grace she and her sisters survived the camp. We had a wonderful time of fellowship with Saphta and had the opportunity to share from God's Word that *Yeshua* was the promised Messiah of Israel. We pointed to the fact that Israel and all the nations of the world have sinned and the Messiah in love came in order to pay the price that we could not pay. Saphta's Hebrew is very good so I was blessed to be able to speak with her in Hebrew, my mother tongue.



When our visit was over, Saphta saw us out of her apartment and while we were on the sidewalk we decided to go sit down somewhere for a cup of coffee. Saphta gladly joined us and we enjoyed another hour together. Our hearts go out to Saphta, and many others like her who need to know that *Yeshua* is Israel's promised Messiah, Savior and Lord. Please remember Saphta in your prayers. We would love to know that she will spend eternity with the Lord in glory.

I was also happy to meet an elderly American Jewish man, a teacher from the United States. This Jewish gentleman was visiting friends in Toronto and I was asked to pick him up on my way to our bible class. I was so thankful to the Lord that he was willing to come with me to our Holy Scriptures and Israel bible class. Our study was in the gospel of John, chapter 4, the study of *Yeshua* our Messiah and the Samaritan woman. We were impressed by the way in which our Lord Jesus was so gracious in His encounter with the woman of Samaria. In John 4:10 we read: **Jesus (*Yeshua*) answered and said to her, If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, Give Me a drink, you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.** How gracious was our Lord to the Samaritan woman in offering her such a gift, THE LIVING WATER, in Hebrew we call it *MAYIM CHAYIM*. Later in John 4:25-26 we read that the Samaritan woman knew of a promised Messiah when she said: **I know that Messiah is coming (who is called Christ). When He comes, He will tell us all things.** Jesus said to her, I who speak to you am He. How wonderful it was for all of us at that bible class to read that *Yeshua* revealed Himself to the Samaritan woman. Jesus clearly said. I AM HE - I AM THE MESSIAH In Hebrew *ANI WHO HA-MASHIACH*.

We are confident that our Lord Jesus the Messiah, is able to reveal Himself to our Jewish friend from the USA, and we trust that He will use this bible class to touch his heart. Visits such as these give us much joy in our hearts, we are only vessels whom the Lord can use as He pleases. Paul's words to the



Corinthians in 1st Corinthians 3:5-6 must be taken to heart. **Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.**

OLD TESTAMENT הַתַּנ"ךְ			NEW TESTAMENT בְּרִית הַדָּשָׁה	
Genesis	2 Chronicles	Daniel	Matthew	2 Thessalonians
Exodus	Ezra	Hosea	Mark	1 Timothy
Leviticus	Nehemiah	Joel	Luke	2 Timothy
Numbers	Esther	Amos	John	Titus
Deuteronomy	Job	Obadiah	Acts	Philemon
Joshua	Psalms	Jonah	Romans	Hebrews
Judges	Proverbs	Micah	1 Corinthians	James
Ruth	Ecclesiastes	Nahum	2 Corinthians	1 Peter
1 Samuel	Song of Solomon	Habakkuk	Galatians	2 Peter
2 Samuel	Isaiah	Zephaniah	Ephesians	1 John
1 Kings	Jeremiah	Haggai	Philippians	2 John
2 Kings	Lamentations	Zachariah	Colossians	3 John
1 Chronicles	Ezekiel	Malachi	1 Thessalonians	Jude
				Revelation

In our Holy Scriptures and Israel ministry meetings we typically study God's Word a book at a time, chapter-by-chapter, verse-by-verse. We also study particular passages, which relate specifically to the feasts God gave to our people Israel. On Sunday, June the 12th according to biblical time, Israel celebrated the feast of *SHAVUOT* – or as it is called in English the feast of WEEKS also called in Greek PENTECOST. As we looked into the meaning of this amazing feast, we were fascinated by the study of Leviticus 23. Leviticus teaches us of God's program for Israel, for the Church and for the nations of the world. We learned of that NEW MEAL OFFERING which Israel was to offer to the LORD, the two loaves of bread that must have leaven in them. We were impressed by the accuracy of God's Word and how God has a plan and a program that must come to pass. In the NEW MEAL OFFERING which must have leaven in it, from this feast of WEEKS we learn of the uniting of all true believers Jews and Gentiles united together into one body, the body of Christ. These two loaves that have leaven in them are a representation of believing Jews and Gentiles who form the body of Christ - Messiah. That body began in Jerusalem on the feast of *SHAVUOT* – PENTECOST, on that day when the Holy Spirit came down to earth after our Lord Jesus was glorified. **For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit** (1 Corinthians 12:13). Although we all, Jews and Gentiles, by nature have leaven (sin) in us, we are accepted by God because of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus the Messiah. **He (God) made us accepted in the Beloved** (Ephesians 1:6b). We praise our Lord Jesus for His love and grace toward us all.

Dear brothers and sisters, thank you so much for your ongoing prayers and support of Irene and I in the ministry. Your prayers are truly valued. We believe that our Lord *Yeshua* does answer prayers.

Please pray for:

- Irene's health situation.
- The bible teachings of The Holy Scriptures and Israel.
- The radio programs of The Holy Scriptures and Israel.
- The Holy Scriptures and Israel website ministry - <http://www.holyscripturesandisrael.com/>
- The salvation of Saphta and the elderly man from the USA.
- A brother in the Lord, Larry Rich is sick, Larry and his wife Jan served the Lord among our Jewish people for many years. Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick (John 11:3b).
- For the peace of Jerusalem. (Psalm 122:6).

"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

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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