



August 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 4:6 "וַיֹּעַן וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר-יְהוָה אֶל-זְרֻבָּבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחֵיל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אֹמֵר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

Irene and I have returned from our yearly trip to California and we can truly say, along with the prophet Samuel, **hitherto hath the Lord helped us** (1 Samuel 7:12b). The Lord gave us a wonderful time at Pine Valley Bible Camp. The theme of the camp this year was the Love of God, we saw how all the three persons of the Godhead were involved in the work of redemption, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Simon-Peter wrote these words in 1 Peter 1:2 to the brothers and sisters of first century, reminding them of the trinity of the Godhead and that they were **Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus the Messiah: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.**



We had the joy of seeing fourteen children come to faith in the Lord Jesus the Messiah and a

good number taking the step of baptism, identifying with our Lord in His death, burial and resurrection. I personally was very touched by a young boy, who after the gospel meeting and the invitation to come forward to accept the Lord, was at the front weeping. When I approached him and asked him if he wanted to accept the Lord, he answered, no, he already had. I then asked him why he was crying, and with tears streaming down his face he replied, I'm just so happy my two friends have come forward to accept the Lord. It is at times like this that all the hard work that goes into camp. The planning and organizing, the directing, counseling, teaching and serving in various capacities, makes it all worthwhile. To God be the glory, great things he has done.



Following camp we enjoyed our annual bonfire at the beach. We had a good crowd out and after a time of enjoying the beach, hot dogs etc. we enjoyed some time of singing and I had the opportunity to share a short message from God's Word. The following week we traveled, visiting five of the assemblies in the area for the ministry of the Word of God. We also enjoyed having a home meeting in the city of Brawley, where together with some of the local brethren we had a time of singing and ministry from the Scriptures. We appreciated the hospitality of all the brothers and sisters and the time of fellowship we shared.

It was good to come back to our regular Bible study classes in Toronto. On my first day back, David an Israeli – Jewish young man came to attend our Bible class. David wanted to speak with me after the class and we had a very good conversation. With the Lord's help, I explained to him, why I, a Jew, believe that *Yeshua* is our promised Messiah. David, who is not yet a believer in *Yeshua*, has many challenges, and many questions, which with the Lord's help I seek to answer. After this initial meeting I wondered if we would see David again and was thankful when he came the following day to the Shabbat-Saturday meeting. David was happy to meet Howie, who is a Jewish believer, and they were able to spend some time talking together. The following



week David showed up again for the Friday evening Bible study and Shabbat-Saturday meeting. We trust the Lord will use these meetings to speak to his heart. God knows how we long to see more of our Jewish brethren come to faith in Jesus the Messiah of Israel, the savior of the world. The heart of the ministry of The Holy Scriptures and Israel is to reach our Jewish people for *Yeshua* the Messiah. We identify with Shaul-Paul who wrote to the Roman believers; **Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel**

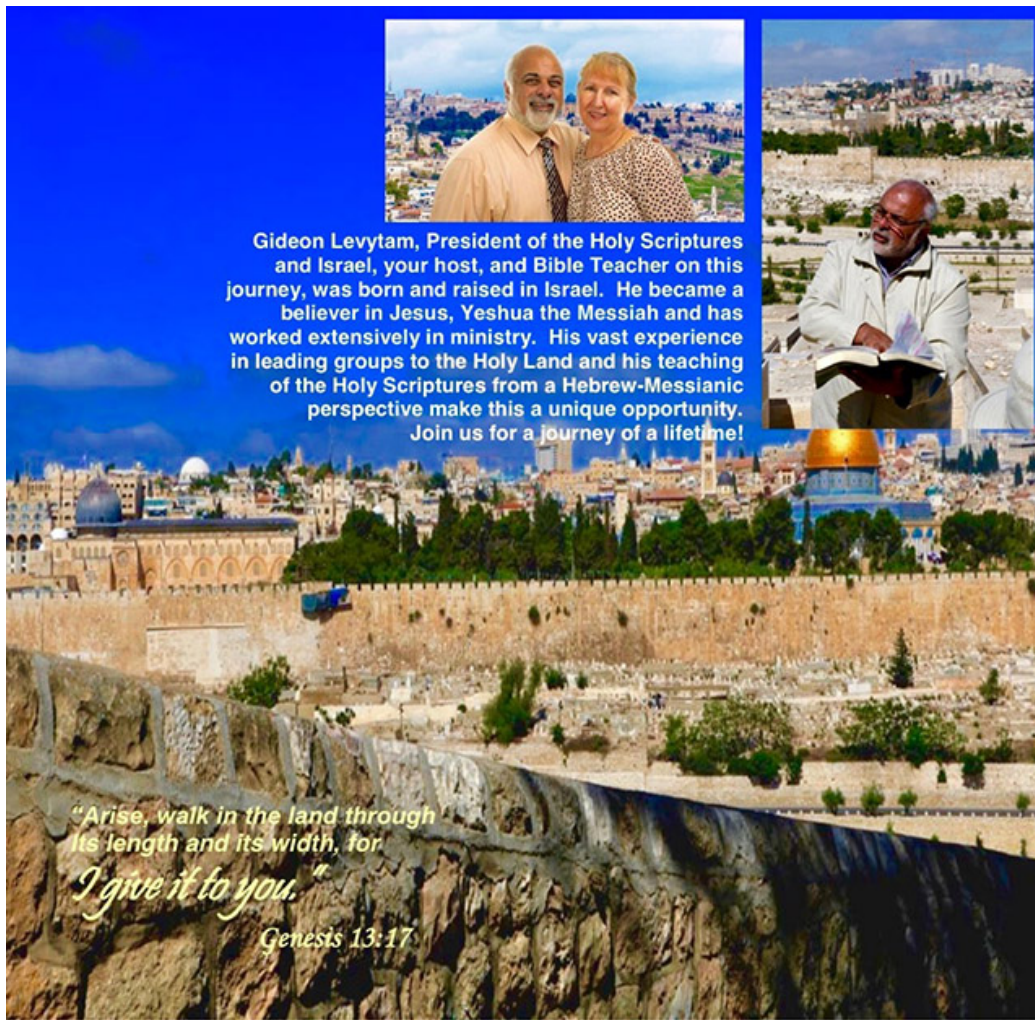
is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. (Romans 10:1).

The Lord continues to use the Bible teaching radio ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. As you know, we air our Bible teaching programs on three stations, one of them is KDIS 1640 AM dial, airing from San Francisco, California. We were encouraged to receive a letter dated August

4, 2016, from James, a Jewish person who is a believer in Jesus - *Yeshua* the Messiah. He is an inmate in the California State Prison at San Quentin in the Bay Area. He has been listening to our program and writes that the ministry has been most refreshing to his being. He also thanked us for taking a stand for the gospel and the correct interpretation of the Scriptures. Due to certain regulations he will not be able to hear the broadcasts till next year and asks for transcripts of the sermons to read and share with others. He leads a Bible study in the recreation yard once a week and asks us to keep him in prayer.

The Lord is working and the preaching of His Word is effective. It is because of such individuals as James from prison, or David who attended the meetings in Toronto, and others whom the Lord brings into our lives, Jew or Gentile, that we are encouraged to continue on in this ministry which our Lord *Yeshua* the Messiah has given us. We have no confidence in ourselves but our confidence is in the Lord. He promised that He will use His words. **So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.** (Isaiah 55:11). Our Lord Jesus Himself said in Mark 13:31: **Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.**

Some have asked about our Bible tours to the land of Israel. The October 2016 tour to Israel is fast approaching, Lord willing, we will be there from the end of October returning on November the 9th. We are presently in the midst of planning our next Bible Land Tour to Israel, which will take place Lord willing, in March 2017. If you are interested or want more info, please connect with us by phone at 1 905 325 1234, E-mail gideon@holyscripturesandisrael.com or just go to our website for further information. www.holyscripturesandisrael.com



Gideon Levytam, President of the Holy Scriptures and Israel, your host, and Bible Teacher on this journey, was born and raised in Israel. He became a believer in Jesus, *Yeshua* the Messiah and has worked extensively in ministry. His vast experience in leading groups to the Holy Land and his teaching of the Holy Scriptures from a Hebrew-Messianic perspective make this a unique opportunity. Join us for a journey of a lifetime!

"Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you."
Genesis 13:17

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We thank you all dear brothers and sisters for your prayers for Irene and me, we value the prayers of God's people. Irene and I also want to acknowledge your financial support for us and the radio ministry of Holy Scriptures and Israel, and we appreciate the words of encouragement that we sometimes receive. Brothers and sisters, will you please pray with us as we seek to continue with God's grace in this service among the people of Israel. The Lord uses the prayers of His people... **pray one for another... The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.** James 5:16

Please pray for:

- The children who received the Lord at Pine Valley Bible Camp.
- The need of encouragement for James, the inmate from California.
- The salvation of David, the Israeli who attended our meeting.
- The radio programs of Holy Scriptures and Israel.
- The on-going Bible teaching meetings in Toronto.
- The health need of Irene, to know what proper medications to take.
- The needed daily grace for us.
- The salvation of our families in Israel and elsewhere. • The peace of Jerusalem. **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.** 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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