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

Winter is back! After enjoying an unseasonably mild winter and just having changed our clocks, anticipating spring, we were hit with a snowstorm. As we experienced ongoing snow, strong winds and cold weather, which made travel difficult we reflected on the many years the Lord has preserved me as I travel weekly to Toronto for ministry. Truly the Lord is our protector, it is He who has kept us these many years of ministry travel. We are reminded of the song of ascents that our people of Israel sang years ago, on their way up to Jerusalem. Psalm 121:5, The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand, verse 8, **The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore.** What an assurance of protection we have from our blessed Lord. When I first started travelling to Toronto, I would take the train, which gave me the opportunity to prepare for the Bible studies. It was also an opportunity to share the Word with others. I remember, and this is going back more than 27 years ago, meeting an elderly German gentleman who was very interested in hearing about the ministry among our Jewish people, he was involved in a tract ministry and was very encouraged to meet a Jewish believer. We shared a wonderful time of fellowship together and it wasn't till sometime later that I discovered he had left a monetary gift in my briefcase. Just recently, those days came back to mind, as I received a letter from another person I had met on the train, she recently had come in contact with an Israeli couple and remembered meeting me those many years ago, and was wondering if I would be able to meet with them. It really is amazing when we stop and think of how the Lord places people in our lives. I recently met with a few individuals,

some of them Jewish, who have expressed a desire to have Bible studies locally in the St. Catharine area. The desire is to have Bible studies with a Messianic perspective to which they could invite Jewish people. We are praying for the Lord's guidance in this.



A few days ago we received once again an encouraging letter from James, the Jewish believer who is in prison, in California. James is looking forward for the time change, as he will be able to hear our radio ministry program once again. We can clearly see how the radio ministry is a blessing to the hearers, you never know who is listening to the bible-teaching messages over the airwaves. Just yesterday, a dear man who used to be a member of the Worldwide Church of God, wrote expressing his enjoyment of listening to the studies on the

books of Zechariah and Acts, as well as our radio interview and testimony. He finds the teaching helpful and remembers us in prayer. These letters and e-mails encourage us to continue on with the teaching of the Word of God.

As we minister among our Jewish brethren, we point to Jesus the Messiah through all the types, shadows, and signs, which God gave Israel throughout history. Everything He gave Israel points to the person of His Son, *Yeshua*, including the sacrifices, and the appointed feasts of YHWH.

The Biblical – Hebrew Months and their Special Dates		
Biblical – Hebrew Month	Approximate Secular Date	This month's Appointed Feasts & Holy Days
Nisan - ניסן <i>Esther 3:7, Nehemiah 2:1</i>	March - April	Passover – פסח Exodus 12:2 Aviv – אביב Exodus 13:4, 23:15, 34:18. Deut: 16:1
Iyar - אייר	April - May	Lag Bah-Omer - לג בעומר
Sivan - סיוון	May - June	Shavuot - שבועות
Tamuz - תמוז	June - July	
Av - אב	July - August	Tishah Beh-Av - תשעה באב
Elul - אלול	August - September	
Tishri - תשרי	September - October	Truah - תרועה Rosh-Hashanah ראש השנה Yom Kippur יום כיפור Sukkot סוכות
Heshvan - חשוון	October - November	
Kislev - כסלו	November - December	Chanukah - חנוכה
Tevet - טבת	December - January	
Shevat - שבט	January - February	TU Beh-Shvat - טו בשבט
Adar - אדר <i>Esther 3:7,13. 8:12,.....</i>	February - March	Purim - פורים

Every feast throughout the scriptures points so vividly to Jesus our Messiah, and teaches us the ways of God with His people. Just this month of March, Jews in Israel and around the world celebrated the feast of Esther, called Purim. The feast of Purim falls on the 13th day of the last month of the Hebrew calendar, called ADAR. In the book of Esther we learn of the providence of God in preserving His people from their enemies, God has a plan to restore Israel to Himself in a future day. Coming up in April, we will begin the first month of the Hebrew calendar that is the

month of NISAN. In Israel and throughout the world our Jewish people will celebrate the feast of Passover. Our people will remember the redemption from bondage, which God provided through the blood of the lamb. This special feast points so clearly to our Lord Jesus the Redeemer. During the Passover Feast, we at Holy Scriptures and Israel outreach fellowship will be holding a special event on April 15th, where we point to the faithfulness of God and to the message that the Passover conveys. We will be peaching the gospel, pointing to the person of Jesus the Messiah, the Lamb of God. Like John the Baptizer our heart's desire is to point to *Yeshua*, the Lamb of God. **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world**, John 1:29. If you wish to join us for this special event, please call or e-mail soon as we have limited space.

Many of you are asking about my upcoming surgery. I had my consultation with the surgeon as well as the pre-op, but am still waiting to hear back as to the actual date. The decisions to be made are not always easy, nor are the waiting, but we can see the Lord's hand even in this. The day after the visit with the doctor I was in the grocery store when I bumped into Bill, a former colleague, whom I hadn't seen in many years. After the initial greeting he proceeded to tell me he just had open- heart surgery four weeks ago. As we continued our conversation I learned that he had an aortic valve replacement, the same surgery I need, in the same hospital as I am scheduled for surgery, with the same surgeon, and that even our ages are the same, only weeks apart. This meeting was not a coincidence, the Lord had brought it about. Bill was very positive and reassuring about the whole procedure. I left the store encouraged, realizing the Lord had sent Bill to reassure me, it was a confirmation from the Lord to trust Him, we are in His hands.

As we continue on we believe that the Lord will continue to lead us, we take the opportunity to thank you dear brethren for your prayers for us. Years ago a brother told me, Gideon, do not hesitate to ask for prayers from the people of God, so once again we do ask for your on-going prayers. Thank you also for your financial support of Irene and me and the radio ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. We provided a short promo of the Holy Scriptures And Israel ministry posted on our website that you can listen to, just go to <https://www.holyscripturesandisrael.com/index.php>



Please pray for:

- The encouragement of those who attend our Bible classes.
- The radio ministry and its growth.
- The Lord work among the Jewish people in Israel and around the world.
- The up coming Messiah in the Passover outreach meeting.
- The physical health of Irene.
- The upcoming surgery of Gideon.
- **Pray for 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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