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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 אֱלֹהֵי זְרֻבָבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחֵיל וְלֹא בְקֹחַ כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אֶמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

Irene and I are thankful to send along this May 2017 newsletter. At this point in time, by the grace of God, I feel somewhat better, though not without pain. We thank the Lord that for the last two weeks I have been able to attend the remembrance meeting in our local assembly here in Niagara-on-the-Lake. It is a blessed privilege to remember the sacrifice that our Lord *Yeshua* – Jesus the Messiah, became for us, in order to forgive us our Sin and sins. Just recently I was privileged to share the word of God, with a group of brothers and sisters in a home meeting. We studied Isaiah 62, and the care of God for Zion, we read - **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.** It was a blessing for me to minister the word with these believers who love and pray for the salvation of our people Israel.

After an absence of more than six weeks, Irene and I were happy to be able to be at our Holy Scriptures And Israel meeting in Toronto last Saturday, May the 13th. We are thankful for the measure of strength the Lord has given, and for allowing me to return to serve in the ministry that He has placed on our hearts. While I was away, brothers Frank Ruzzuti, Ron McNaughton and Howie Miles, led our Fridays Bible classes, and brothers Alfred Bouter, Wagdi Tadros, Hani Boulos and John Neufeld, shared the word of God on the Saturday ministry meetings. We thank the Lord for the blessing these brethren have been to the fellowship.

It was a privilege to minister the Word of God, and continue with our study in the book of Esther. In chapter 7, we learned that God disciplines His people Israel when needed, yet in His providence, He still protects and preserves His erring people from all their enemies. God has a future plan for Israel, we read in Isaiah 43:21, **This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise.** It is unfortunate that today, many teach otherwise, even though God clearly declares this in His word. Haman, the enemy of the Jews, did not succeed to destroy the Jewish people as he planned, and eventually he received his just dues from God. As with Israel, likewise with the church, God is faithful to protect and preserve His heavenly people. Even when His own people do err and disobey, and He has to discipline and correct them, ultimately He will restore and direct. Our Lord Jesus promised Simon-Peter and the disciples saying, **And I also, I say unto thee that thou art Peter, and on this rock I will build my assembly, and hades gates shall not prevail against it.** Mathew 16:18 We praise God for the assurance that we have in Him.

We are currently in the midst of preparations for our special Messiah in the Passover meeting, where from Exodus 12 we point to Jesus the Messiah as the Passover Lamb. Originally planned for April, we had to reschedule due to my surgery. For this meeting we seek to invite Jewish relatives and friends, in order for them to hear the gospel of our Lord *Yeshua* the Messiah, who is clearly seen in the Passover feast. We trust that God, by His Spirit, will open hearts to understand who Jesus is. We anticipate some 100 people in attendance, mostly believers, and some who are not, the Lord is able to lead them to Himself. After many years in Jewish outreach we have found that in most instances, God uses gentile believers to reach out to our people with the message of the gospel. We thank the Lord for those who pray for the salvation of Israel and also actively share the Lord Jesus the Messiah with their Jewish contacts. Recently, a dear sister from the USA connected with me, letting me know of how she shared the gospel of Messiah with an elderly Jewish lady, who has since passed away without ever accepting *Yeshua* the Messiah, as her Lord and Savior. We, through the Holy Scriptures And Israel Bible teaching ministry, seek to be of help to these believers.

Just recently, we received additional requests from other radio stations in Canada to add our Bible teaching programs on their stations. Harvesters FM Media Group is a network of stations in New Brunswick, PEI and Nova Scotia, having 3 stations, CJLU, CITA and CIOG, reaching a potential audience of 700,000 people. Will you please pray with us for this potential opening, we trust the Lord to guide us as to how to proceed.

In order for us to be able to reach a wider group of people, we have registered our Holy Scriptures and Israel Bible teaching programs on the SermonAudio.com website in May. We have uploaded Bible teaching messages to that website starting with the study on the book of Zechariah. We noticed that in less than 24 hours we had over 500 views to our sermon-page, and over 230 listeners to the audio messages on the book of Zechariah. To date, we have loaded an additional 366 MP3 messages from 29 books of the Bible. Listeners have also been downloading the Bible teachings, our prayer is that the Lord will use these messages. We are blessed by God to have this additional avenue in reaching out with His Word. **Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.** Ecclesiastes

11:1. SermonAudio.com is not only a website-host for sermons, but, it allows us to reach out to people in many countries, who wish to study the Word of God. We are thankful to the Lord for opening the door to us in this manner. So now, you can listen to our bible teaching programs on our website at <http://www.holyscripturesandisrael.com/> or on <http://www.sermonaudio.com>. To find us at Sermon Audio, just write in the search bar, Holy Scriptures and Israel and you should be able to arrive to our portion on that site. You can also just use this direct link to our page, http://www.sermonaudio.com/source_detail.asp?sourceid=holyscripturesand. These are the



latest stats that we have received since registering on this site.

General Statistics: For Holy Scriptures And Israel

- Total Sermons: 366
- Home Page Visitors: 280
- Total Sermon Page Views: 6,067
- Total Sermon MP3 Downloads: 2,826
- Total Mobile Downloads: 430



We commit to the Lord our dear sister Dee, who has assisted over the years the ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel in many ways. Dee loves the Word of God and our Jewish people. She helped with administrative work on the computer and listened to recorded messages, editing them in preparation for the radio. Dee also edited manuscripts in preparation for printing books and booklets. Sister Dee recently moved to another location where the Lord has opened the door for her to serve among elderly Chinese people. Therefore, Dee will slowly have to transfer her responsibility to another person. We are thankful to sister Dee for her years of service and wish her the blessings of the Lord as she moves on. In light of this, we are prayerfully asking the Lord to raise up other believers who are able to help in the ministry, by

volunteering a few hours a week for the service among our Jewish people. Should the Lord direct you in this way, please let us know by e-mail or by phone.

Over the years, we have been so blessed by gifted brothers and sisters who have served with us among our Jewish people. One of them is Heather who is responsible for our Facebook page. In her own words Heather tells us how that came about. ----- **Some two years ago a friend told me about a Hebrew-Christian fellowship in Toronto, where the Gospel is being preached, and that this fellowship was a special outreach, where Jews and Gentiles who love Yeshua – Jesus the Messiah, gather together to study the word of God. I started to attend the Holy Scriptures and Israel Ministry meetings on Saturday - Shabbat. I am so glad that I did, because this ministry truly has been a blessing to my heart, through the hearing of the Word of God, and through the fellowship of believers in Yeshua.**



It is a privilege for us all to serve the Lord Jesus, and it is wise for us to seek to win souls. I praise and thank the Lord, that now I have the opportunity to serve Him by helping Holy Scriptures and Israel with our outreach through Facebook. I pray that many Jews and gentiles will get to hear the Gospel messages, through the Radio Ministry programs, and be drawn to Jesus the Messiah. I also pray that the daily postings of the word of God, would reach many hearts for the Glory of the God of Israel and the revealing of His Son Yeshua, both to the people of Israel and also to the nations. ----- We thank the Lord for sister Heather who does our daily posts on Facebook.

As to my health, we are thankful to the Lord for my recovery progress. I recently had appointments with my family doctor, cardiologist and the surgeon who did the surgery. All three doctors were pleased with the progress of my recovery. While sitting in the waiting room for my appointment with the surgeon, we were surprised to see Bill, the old friend whom the Lord sent to encourage me at the grocery store some weeks before my surgery. My appointment was for

11:00 a.m. and Bill had an appointment for 11:15 a.m., we were both amazed at the coincidence of being there at the same time. We were reminded of how God takes care over each one of us. **Casting all your care upon him; for he care for you.** 1 Peter 5:7. Irene and I thank you all dear brothers and sisters for the many prayers that have gone up on my behalf, and for all the e-mails, texts, cards, phone calls and visits. We greatly appreciate it, trusting the Lord for that which is ahead for us. Thank you also for your support of us and the ministry of The Holy Scriptures and Israel. May the Lord richly bless you!



Please pray:

- For the radio program.
- For the outreach through Sermon Audio.
- For our weekly meetings.
- For sister Dee and her future service for the Lord.
- For those Jewish people who will attend next Saturday – Shabbat meeting.
- **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