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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 "וַיַּעַן וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר יְהוָה אֶל־זְרֻבָּבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בִמְחִיל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם־בְּרוּחִי אֶמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

As we write our newsletter for July, Irene and I are preparing for Pine Valley Bible Camp in California, which we have been attending for over twenty years. It is a blessing to participate in the preaching of the gospel and in the teaching of the Word of God. What a joy it is to our hearts to see young people make the decision to accept the Lord Jesus as their Savior and seek to live their lives for Him. We trust the Lord will use this week to work in the hearts of those who are still lost in their sins, and to encourage the rest of us to be found faithful, living lives that are



honoring to Him. Speaking of young people we are blessed to have a few young people with us in our Holy Scriptures and Israel Bible fellowship. One of these young people is Sarah, who has accepted *Yeshua* as her Lord and Savior and was baptized not too long ago. We are so thankful to see Sarah growing spiritually, and to see how the Lord is working in her life, using her to be a help and a blessing at our fellowship meetings. Recently, we had the happy privilege, together with the local brothers and sisters, to sing happy 17th birthday to Sarah in

Hebrew and English. As we committed her in prayer, we thanked the Lord for her life, asking *Yeshua* our Messiah to use Sarah for His glory as He continues to work in her life.

Lord willing, following Pine Valley Bible Camp, we plan to spend some time visiting the local saints as well as ministering the Word in the various local assemblies. We trust the Lord will use us to be an encouragement to our brothers and sisters. We also have relatives from Israel, living in the San Diego area, that we hope to have the opportunity to visit. Please pray that the Lord will open the door for Irene and me to be able to present the Lord Jesus - *Yeshua* the Messiah with them. It is not an easy task, as most of our people do not want to hear of Jesus, to their understanding, Jesus is the god of the gentiles, the one whom the gentiles worship. It is truly sad, that the vast majority of our people just do not understand that *Yeshua* is truly the Messiah. It is now about 2000 years since the first coming of *Yeshua*, and soon He is coming again, first to meet the assembly in the air, and then He will come to this earth to judge the world. At the end of the tribulation, *Yeshua* will restore a remnant of His people Israel, who are now partially blind, but then, in accordance with the plan and purposes of God, **All Israel shall be saved**, Romans 11:26a. I often think of the inspired words of the apostle Paul, who wished that his readers would understand how much blessing this world will experience, once Israel is returned to their intended relationship with God and their Messiah. Paul wrote in Romans 11:12 **Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness.** Paul continued to say in verse 15. **For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?** May the Lord help us to see this and to prayerfully seek to share the gospel with the Jewish people.



We thank the Lord for the interest by many to study the word of God with us week by week. On Friday mornings we enjoy the study of the gospel of John and in the evening, the book of Isaiah. We direct our Hebrew readers to this link for a Hebrew PDF of the gospel of John. http://www.tbsbibles.org/pdf_information/376-1.pdf On our Saturday – Shabbat meetings, we just concluded the study of the book of Esther, which took us some month. The study of Esther was helpful for all of us to better understand the ways of the LORD. Just imagine, Esther is a book that is part of the cannon of Scripture, and it does not mention the name of God, or the word prayer, not even once. Yet, God in His infinite wisdom included it as part of His divine Word. The book of Esther points to the erring people of Israel, who were protected by God while in

dispersion. We learned of the providence of God in protecting our Jewish people from the desired destruction by their enemies. Nebuchadnezzar proclaimed of God in Daniel 4:35 **All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing, He does according to His will in the army of heaven And among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand or say to Him, what have You done?** God has a plan, a program and a purpose for His earthly people Israel, and He, as a sovereign God, will bring it to pass. We read in Isaiah 43:21. **This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise.** Israel will surely do so, once they as a nation, turn their hearts to the Lord Jesus, their Messiah. We uploaded the study of the book of Esther to our Holy Scriptures and Israel website, should you wish to listen to any of the messages, please go to the website of The Holy Scriptures and Israel. <http://www.holy scripturesandisrael.com/radio>



For our Saturday – Shabbat meetings we have begun the study of the first letter that the apostle Shaul - Paul wrote to the Thessalonians. Though young in the faith, these new believers were a real example to many in Asia Minor, their work of faith, labour of love, and patience of hope, was evident in their lives. Paul wrote to these dear brethren saying in chapter 1:8. **For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.** In our studies, we noted that the One and only God of Israel, exists and consists in three distinct persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Our one and only God is a triune God, and He left the mark of His triunity everywhere in His universe. We learned that everything in this great universe is divided into three parts, such as time, space and matter, bearing the mark of our triune God. **We were created in His image and likeness, spirit, soul and body,** Genesis 1:26-27. We read in 1 Thessalonians 5:23, **And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.** Our brothers and sisters at the fellowship enjoy learning from the scriptures that wonderful truth. God has done all things well.

We thank the Lord for opening the door for us to add the Holy Scriptures and Israel radio ministry to the website of OnePlace.com; we began posting our Bible teaching messages at the

beginning of July, 2017. OnePlace.com is a website which has a large audience, through which we also broadcast our radio Bible teaching ministry online. We trust the Lord will use this additional avenue to reach out to many hearers, both Jewish and Gentile alike. We have found that both, [Sermon Audio](#) and [One Place](#) are good avenues to reach out to thousands of listeners worldwide. We have been encouraged by the good response we have received in the short time since we have posted our messages on these sites. To find our page on these two websites, just type Holy Scriptures and Israel in the search bar.



We are amazed at the fact that 2017 is more than half over. Time is passing by so quickly and we see many changes happening on the world scene. It is comforting to know that while things may change here on earth, our blessed Lord Jesus the Messiah changes not, He remains the same. **Jesus Christ (Yeshua Ha-Mashiach) the same yesterday, and today, and forever.** Hebrews 13:8.

Irene and I are sustained day by day, and are encouraged by the many expressions of love and care shown to us. Thank you for the many prayers raised on our behalf, we have certainly felt the comfort of them. Irene and I are both doing better health-wise and we are thankful that the Lord has allowed us to continue on in His work. We appreciated your continued prayers and thank you for your financial support of the radio ministry and us. We wish you the blessing of the Lord, and once again thank you so much for your love and prayers.

Please pray:

- For the Holy Scriptures and Israel radio ministry.
- For our outreach through the websites of Audio Sermon and One Place.
- For continual growth of the believers who meet together for the study of the scriptures.
- For those who went out to distribute the word of God with the Jewish community.
- For those Jewish people who willingly received a complete Bible.
- For Pine Valley Bible Camp.
- For the visitation with the brethren in California.
- **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