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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-זְרֻבְבָּל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחֵיל וְלֹא בְכֹחַ כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אֶמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

It was good to return to our local ministry in Toronto after being in Israel for two weeks. We thank the Lord for the brethren who faithfully led the Bible classes and ministry meetings at Holy Scriptures and Israel while we were away. We are blessed by those who give of their time to be of service in various aspects of the ministry. May the Lord reward them for their faithful service.



We also recently enjoyed having Keziah and Athaliah Yance from the Niagara Assembly join Marty, Yuri, Ben and myself with the violin and flute.

Our outreach in Toronto has been such a blessing to us, and to others, first of all to those who need to hear the gospel, as well as those who come to the bible studies or to be encouraged by the ministry of the Word. It is so evident that we live in days of decline. The people of God today, in the church age, are scattered, just as Israel of old. There are so many needs, which only our Lord *Yeshua* is able to meet. It was He who called men to

come to Himself when He said. **Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls, for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light,** Mathew 11:28-30.

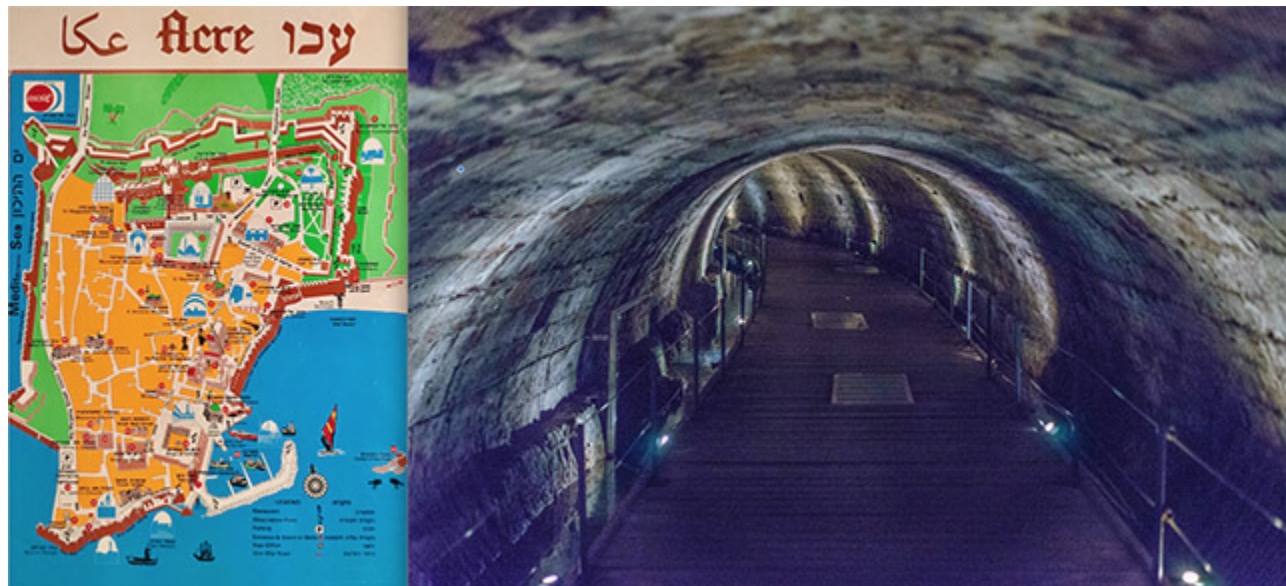
Just before we left for Israel, we concluded the study of 2 Thessalonians. In this letter, the apostle Paul instructs the believers of Thessalonica to be steadfast in their walk, while waiting the return of Christ – the Messiah. We too, need much grace from the Lord to be steadfast in our walk. The messages on 2 Thessalonians have been posted on the Holy Scriptures and Israel website. Last Saturday, we started with the study of the book of Ecclesiastes – Kohelet in Hebrew. What an amazing book, it is unfortunate that many do not take the time to study Kohelet – Ecclesiastes. Solomon – Shlomoh, who is Kohelet, the king of Israel, appeals in his old age to the younger generation of Israel. He charges them to remember God every day of their lives, and to have God involved in everything they do, because without God, everything under the sun is vanity. The book begins in chap 1:2 with these words, **Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity. What profit hath a man of all his labour, which he toils under the sun?** The book ends, with this appeal in chap 12:1, **Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth.**

The radio and website ministry of Holy Scriptures and Israel continues on. In our last newsletter we mentioned that we were in touch with Trans World Radio regarding the possibility of airing Holy Scriptures and Israel programs on some of their stations. We are now in the process of reaching an agreement with Trans World Radio to start airing our bible teaching messages on their website TWR360 <https://www.twr360.org>. Airing our radio program on TWR360 will enable any one around the world, including Israel, easy access via computer or smartphone to the bible teaching programs of Holy Scriptures and Israel, where we teach and present the Word of God from a Hebrew - Messianic Prospective. The Trans World Radio website provides ministries like ours, an integrated, multifunctional outlet for sharing the gospel. Trans World Radio global media reaches millions in more than 160 countries with biblical truth. It breaks down barriers of language and accessibility, so users can download and stream abundant biblical resources to grow in their daily walk with the Lord Jesus the Messiah. We are thankful to the Lord for this open door. Please pray that the Lord will use this new venture for His glory and for blessing to the listeners.

We are grateful to the Lord for His help during our recent visit to Israel for our annual Bible Land Tour. Despite our recent health challenges, we were able to lead our group without any health hindrances. As anyone who has been to Israel knows, everything in Israel is hills and valleys, not too much in the way of flat, level ground. As I like to tell my group, this is not a vacation, it is a journey. Reflecting on the tour last year in October, when I was struggling for breath while climbing some of those high hills, we can only attest to the Grace of God, His mercy and His hand upon our lives. So as not to be too taxing, Irene spent only part of the time with the tour, and the rest with my family. We continue to pray for their salvation, that they might come to know their Messiah while it is still the day of grace.



As we visited the various sites, reading the applicable scriptures, we experienced the Bible come alive once again. Besides the familiar biblical locations such as the cities of Jerusalem, Jaffa, Caesarea, Nazareth and Tiberius, we visited the ancient city of Acre, and walked through the underground portion of the old city. Known in Hebrew as Akko, God gave this ancient city to His people Israel for a possession.



Akko is located in the north of Israel, on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. We read of Akko twice in the Scriptures, first in the Tanach, the Old Testament, in Judges 1:31, **Neither did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Accho**, and secondly in the Brit Chadasha, the New Covenant, in Acts 21:7. Paul visited the early believers in the Lord *Yeshua*, in Akko, we read, **And when we had finished our course from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, and saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day**. Akko of Judges 1:31, was also called Ptolemais by Ptolemy the II, the king of Egypt. From Acts 21 we learn that already then, in the early days of the church age, a local assembly of Hebrew believers was formed in the city of Akko. The apostle Shaul – Paul, visited these brethren at about the year 58 AD, it was his last return to Jerusalem, Acts 21:7. It is encouraging, for those of us in Jewish ministry, to see how the word of our Lord Jesus was fulfilled when He said, **ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth**. Acts 1:8b.

Once our group returned back to North America, Irene and I stayed for some days to be with our family. It was so good to take the time and be with them. Often we get an open door to share a little about *Yeshua* our Messiah. While it is not an easy subject to speak about, one can clearly see that many of our people are open to the gospel. As it is with every person, so it is with the Israelis, the Spirit of God has to open their eyes and reveal the person of our Lord *Yeshua*. Our people pray daily by the Western Wall, known as the Wailing Wall, weeping and longing for the coming of the Messiah. Unfortunately, they do not know, as yet, that Messiah has already come and that His name is *Yeshua*, the Son of God, and the Son of David, in Hebrew, Ben-Elohim and Ben-David.



When one visits Israel, speaks with the people, sees the sites of which the scriptures speak, one can clearly see that all that the Lord has said in His Word is real. No nation that has experienced what the people of Israel have experienced, could ever survive unless the living God sustains that nation. Truly the Lord protects this nation. Israel is a miracle nation, a nation upon which God has set His eyes. We know this not only through past history, but also because God said it in His word. In Deuteronomy 11:12 we read. **A land which the LORD thy God cares for: the eyes of the LORD thy**

God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year. But, our people Israel need Salvation. This great salvation will come to the nation through our Lord Jesus, who said to the spiritual leaders of Israel some 2000 years ago, **Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.** Luke 13:35. May the Lord hasten that day.

We thank you all dear brothers and sisters for your prayers and support for Irene and me and for the ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. The Lord is able to do far above what we ask or think. May He encourage all of us on this journey.

Please pray for:

- The entire group who visited Israel with us.
- Our outreach meetings in Toronto.
- The spiritual needs of believers who attend the meetings.
- Our ministry through the radio.
- Airing on Trans World Radio.
- The salvation of our family in Israel.
- The upcoming April 2018 Israel Tour. [\[Details\]](#)
- **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,

Aaron & Irene



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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