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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

זכריה 4:6 "וַיַּעַן וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר יְהוָה אֶל־זְרְבָבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחֵיל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם־בְּרוּחִי אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:



Another year has begun, and we should all be very thankful for the grace that God so abundantly bestows on us all. The Bible tells us that **The LORD is good, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endures to all generations.** Psalm 100:5. We all know from experience that the Lord is good, and yet sadly, most of humanity does not acknowledge the goodness of the Lord. In general, man continues on in his own way, as if there is no God, to whom one day, he will have to give an account. God in His word declares His full knowledge of all mankind. He used David, the sweet psalmist

of Israel, to write these divine inspired words, **The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.** Psalm 14:2-3. Solomon, the son of David, echoed the words of his father, when by divine inspiration he said, **For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth**

not, Ecclesiastes 7:20. These passages which were written by King David and King Solomon some 3000 years ago, as well as other passages that are found in the Word of God, are so true and clearly show us why it was so necessary for the Son of God, our Lord Jesus – *Yeshua* the Messiah, to enter into this world. This is why the apostle Shaul – Paul, another one of the servants of the LORD, took the words of his forefathers David and Solomon, and wrote these words to the believers in Rome, **For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, Messiah *Yeshua*.** Romans 3:23-24.

We praise God for His goodness, for His everlasting mercy and also for His truth, which endures to all generations. As God said, we have not sought after Him. He sought after us. We are not good by nature, and all of us have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Yet, God is rich in mercy, He loved us so much that He justified us through faith in the Lord Jesus the Messiah. He was willing to die as a substitute for us, He shed His precious blood, and paid the price we could not pay. Praise God, He rose again from the dead for our justification. What an amazing truth this is.



We thank the Lord for those who respond to our Holy Scriptures and Israel radio program, it is always encouraging to get feedback from our listeners. We recently received this encouraging e-mail from a sister who wrote, *Hello, thank you for your messages on the radio. They have blessed me richly. I was wondering if it would be possible to order the beautiful song that plays before and after the program. May the Lord God bless you and keep you. Thank you.*

We were all prepared to start airing the Holy Scriptures and Israel Bible teaching program on the

Trans World radio website, <https://www.twr360.org> the first week of January, but there has been a delay. The Lord allowed that on Friday, Dec. 22, 2017, the TWR international corporate office building in Cary, North Carolina to sustain a fire. This present situation has serious implications for TWR ministry operations, and we assured them of our prayers. You can get an update on their website <https://www.twr.org/news/cary-office-building-restoration-begins>. Please pray for TWR, that the Lord will assist them in making the necessary repairs to their facility so they can continue their work in presenting the gospel. Once their office is more functional we will be able to start airing the Holy Scriptures and Israel radio program on their website. As I am writing this newsletter I just received this e-mail from TWR, *Good morning Gideon. Thank you for your prayers for TWR. The clean-up and re-entry into the building went quicker than expected, and while some people will be displaced for several months for the reconstruction of one portion of the building, they are all in temporary cubicles in the staff dining room, so things are getting back to normal this week. I'm anticipating an update for you by the end of the week.* We thank the Lord that things are progressing well and there should not be too much of a delay.

As we begin the new year of 2018, we pray that the Lord will continue to be our guide and that He will help us to stay steadfast and faithful in the ministry work among our Jewish people. As we pray for the salvation of our people Israel, we are reminded that sadly, most of our family members are still without the knowledge that the Lord Jesus is the promised Messiah. Yet, we understand from scripture that during these days of the church age, God has partially blinded His people Israel, as we read in Romans 11:25-26 **For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the**



fullness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob. At the same time, we also know from this same scripture, that there is during this age, a remnant of the people of Israel, according to the election of grace. Paul also wrote in Romans 11:5, **Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.** We praise God for this, and we are very thankful. We continue to pray that many more of our Jewish people will come to faith in Messiah now, before the awful Tribulation days. We also anticipate that blessed, promised future day, when Israel, as a nation, will experience the full and final national Salvation for we read, **there shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.** We have recently been encouraged to hear of how the Lord *Yeshua* is working in the land of Israel, more and more Jews and Moslems are coming to faith than ever before. It is especially heart warming to hear stories of how Jewish believers leading Muslims to Jesus the Messiah and how former Muslims who became believers leading some Jewish people to *Yeshua* the Messiah. The Lord through His Spirit is able to work in hearts.

Recently, while Irene and I were away, Bro. Alfred Bouter shared the word at our Holy Scriptures and Israel Saturday – Shabbat meeting which was appreciated by those present. There was a good turnout and we were happy to hear that the meetings continued while we were gone with the blessing of the Lord.

Irene and I are thankful to all of you dear brothers and sisters for your prayers and your support of us in past years, and we would ask you to continue to pray for us, and for the salvation of our family who need to know *Yeshua*. Please pray for the outreach work with the radio ministry and the on-going Bible studies and Saturday – Shabbat meetings.



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



Please pray for:

- The ministry growth in 2018.
- The radio and outreach ministry.
- The New believers, to grow in their faith.
- The family of Daniela, who recently passed away.
- **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,

G. Leon & 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