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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 אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

Thank you dear brothers and sisters for your interest in the ministry among our Jewish people, your prayers and practical support of the ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel are greatly appreciated. It is a joy to be able, by the grace of God, to minister His word, in our regular Bible teaching meetings and also through the radio. We continue on, not with our own strength, but with the needed grace and strength the Lord supplies. We can see that we live in the days of small things and we are not to despise any glimpse of light for our Lord that may be seen others. We sometimes sing the song, it only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing. Indeed how true it is that when God by His Spirit speaks, than any who listen to His word will be blessed. The prophet Zechariah spoke the word of the Lord to his people saying. For who hath despised the day of small things? Zechariah 4:10a. May we be encouraged to serve the Lord even in the small things, and remember that it only takes a spark to get a fire going.

As you may know, the feast of Passover – *Pesach* (פֶּסַח) is fast approaching. Our Jewish people and all our families will sit together on the 14th day of this month of Nisan, March 30 - April 7th, in order to reflect on this amazing event, which took place 3500 years ago. God made a promise of redemption to our father Abraham some 500 years earlier, long before the Passover took place, in Genesis 15:13-14 we read. And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them

four hundred years; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.



This God ordained feast of Pesach - Passover, the deliverance of our forefathers from slavery to freedom, is one of the most unique acts of God recorded in His word, the Bible. He commanded our fathers never to forget this event of Passover, as we read in Deuteronomy 5:15a. **And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm.** God also recorded for Israel the importance of this event in the giving

of His law in Exodus 20:2, **I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.** This miracle of deliverance is deeply embedded in our hearts and from birth we are taught from the Hebrew Scriptures this amazing story of redemption. I remember how every year during Pesach my grandfather Yosef, would gather together all the family and he would read and retell the story of how God delivered our people from slavery to freedom. My grandfather Yosef faithfully taught our family all that he understood from the scriptures. Yet unfortunately, as far as I know, my grandfather Yosef who was waiting for our Messiah, did not know *Yeshua* as his Messiah. God is sovereign and knows the heart, and whether my grandfather may have come to know that *Yeshua* is the Messiah.



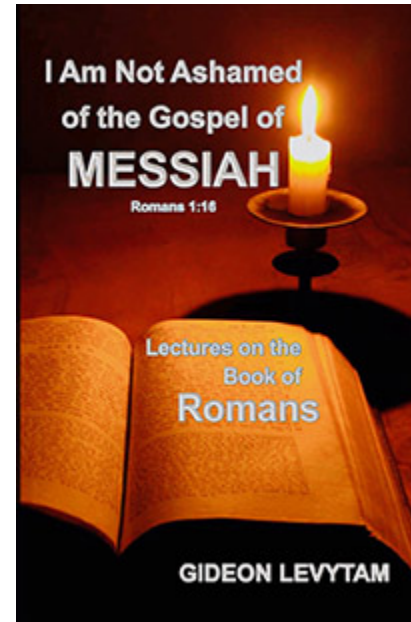
As a believer in our Lord *Yeshua* the Messiah, I clearly understand why the God of our fathers commanded our people Israel to never forget their redemption from bondage. Every feast given to Israel by God points to our Lord *Yeshua*, the promised Messiah of Israel and the Saviour of the world. The Lord Jesus - *Yeshua* is our Passover Lamb, who delivered us not only from slavery, but He delivered us from eternal judgment that our sin and sins deserve. Shaul – Paul who celebrated Pesach – Passover all his life understood this, as he instructed the Corinthians, reminding them who the Lord *Yeshua* – Jesus is, saying in 1 Corinthians 5:7: **Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Messiah our Pesach, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.** We are currently preparing for our annual Messiah in the Passover outreach meeting in Toronto. We generally have approximately 125 people who attend, among them we have unsaved friends and family members. Please remember to pray for any unsaved Jewish people who will be attending.

Lord willing, this coming Saturday – Shabbat, we will be concluding our study of the book of Ecclesiastes - Kohelet. Solomon, the king of Israel, encouraged the nation to remember God, their creator, while they were still young. He appealed to Israel by divine inspiration, using the Hebrew word *ZECHOR* (זָכוֹר) - REMEMBER, found many times in the word of God. We read in Chapter 12:1 **Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them.** We have added the study on the book of Ecclesiastes – Kohelet to our website, for those who wish

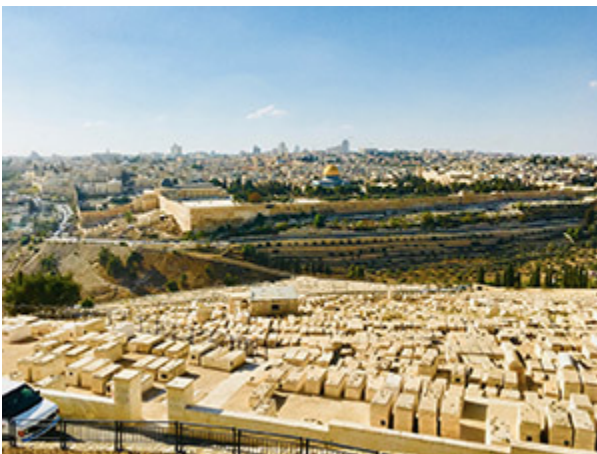
to listen to the messages please go to <http://www.holyscripturesandisrael.com/radio>. In due time these messages will be added to our other websites.

We are so thankful to the Lord for the interest shown by believers in Nigeria for the study of the word of God. Brethren from Nigeria have requested an additional copies of the book **I am not ashamed of the gospel of Messiah, a commentary on the book of Romans**. This study on Romans was taught years ago in our Holy Scriptures and Israel ministry meetings, formatted for the radio ministry and eventually transcribed and printed in book form, which is available on our website. Please pray that the Lord will use this book of Romans for a blessing to those who will receive it. Shaul - Paul could say in Romans 1:16 that he is not ashamed of the gospel of Messiah because it is the power of God to provide salvation to every one who believes in the Lord *Yeshua* – Jesus the Messiah.

Some of you have asked us how our son Yoav is doing. We want to first of all, thank you for your prayers. Yoav is making progress, although he is still experiencing a lot of pain. The surgeon in Japan did a good job and the doctors in Canada are impressed with his work. Our family doctor said she has never seen such a bad break before. So right now we are working on getting him the physiotherapy that is needed. The doctors are saying it will be one to one and half years for a full recovery.



In the will of the Lord, Irene and I will be traveling to Israel in early April to lead a Bible-teaching tour. We plan to visit our immediate and extended family for a few days prior to the tour. Over the years, we have led many groups to the Land of the Bible. The Lord *Yeshua* has blessed these visits to Israel in many ways, it is amazing how the Bible truly comes alive as we walk in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus our Messiah. When we stand in Jerusalem upon the Mount of Olives with an open Bible in our hands, looking over the Kidron Valley onto Mount Moriah, and the Temple Mount, as we read the promise of Messiah, regarding His second coming found in



Acts 1:10-12 which says, **And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven, this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbat day's journey.** This passage, and many others can encourage us, and teach us that soon our Lord Jesus the Messiah will return, first in the clouds at the rapture for the assembly, his heavenly people, and then at His second

coming for His earthly people Israel. Soon the Lord *Yeshua* will stand upon this very same Mount of Olives from which He left to go to heaven after His first coming. We praise God for this sure hope we have by the Word of the Lord.

God bless you, we value your continued prayers for us.

Please pray:

- For Holy Scriptures and Israel outreach.
- For healthy spiritual growth of those attending the meetings.
- For our upcoming Messiah in the Passover outreach.
- For the April tour to Israel.
- For our family in Israel.
- For our son Yoav and his recovery.
- For strength for Irene and me.
- **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

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