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

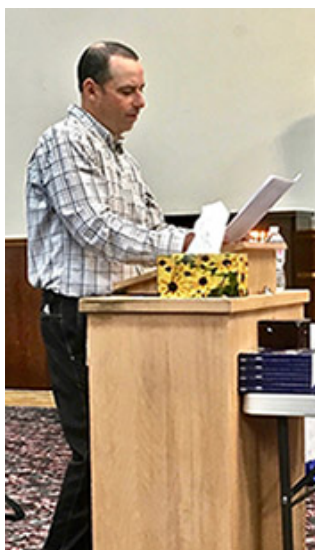
We are thankful to be able to send this September 2018 newsletter to you dear brothers and sisters, and we are encouraged to hear from many of you of your on-going prayers for Irene and me and the ministry among our Jewish people. Over the years we have been reminded by those who have served the Lord for many years, not to neglect to request the prayers of the saints of God, and how needful it is for us to be covered by prayer. We are thankful for your prayers dear brethren, and as the apostle Shaul / Paul we do acknowledge that, **ye also helping together by prayer for us**, 2 Corinthians 1:11a. During the month of September, we at Holy Scriptures and Israel are occupied with outreach meetings dealing with the Fall Feasts of the Lord YHWH. Prophetically, these feasts point to the second coming of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, who will come once again, but this time He will restore Israel to Himself and then He will reign over the whole world as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We recently aired on our local radio stations a series of messages dealing with the three fall feasts, presenting the gospel and pointing to the second coming of the Lord Jesus the Messiah. The fall feasts are, Trumpets - *YOM TRUAH*, Atonement - *YOM HA-KIPPURIM*, and Tabernacles - *HAG SUKKOT*. Those who regularly attend our outreach meetings invited friends, neighbours, and family members to join us for these special outreach meetings, and we were happy to see those who responded and attended.



In Leviticus 23 we learn of the command which God gave to our forefathers, commanding Israel to keep His Seven Feasts. In Hebrew these feasts are called *MOADEY YHWY*, מַעֲדֵי יְהוָה, meaning, appointed Seasons of the LORD. We pointed to the command of the LORD as found in Leviticus 23:2, where the Lord spoke to Moses saying, **speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My Feasts.** We learned that in spite of much failure and disobedience on the part of Israel, and despite much persecution, our forefathers did not cease to keep these feasts in one form or another. Today, some 3,500 years since God gave these instructions to His people, these appointed seasons continue to be observed throughout the world by the Jewish community. We are confident that God will bring to fruition all that which He purposed in

His eternal council.

Brothers and sisters, you may not realize this, but during this season of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, our people, around the world spend much of their time in the synagogue, fasting and praying. The blowing of the Shofar, the ram's horn, calls them to repentance and prayer. It is a time of confessing their sins to God and to each other, seeking to receive forgiveness, calling upon God for mercy, requesting that He will pardon their sins. Our Jewish people wish for each other that their names will be inscribed in the Book of Life. While it is a well meaning wish, we, who read the Scriptures, know that forgiveness of sins can only be given to those who believe in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus / *Yeshua* the Messiah. It was *Yeshua* Himself who loved us even unto death, providing for us full Atonement and yet even more, He completely removed our sin and sins from before the presence of God. **For Messiah also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:** 1 Peter 3:18



We all have special memories from our childhood, for myself, many of these memories have to do with the high holidays surrounding the Day of Atonement. They are memories of attending the local Yemenite synagogue in Jerusalem with my family, especially with my grandfather, as together we sang many moving songs of praise to the merciful God of our fathers. As a young boy in the synagogue I would raise up my eyes, looking upward to my grandfather and to all the other elderly bearded men, following their lead, as together we raised our voices in song, singing to our merciful God these precious words, **The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.** These words are taken from Exodus, 34:6-7. **And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.**

I will never forget those special moments with my grandfather, and now as a believer in the Lord *Yeshua*, I can look back and be thankful for these occasions which prepared my heart to receive

my Messiah. I thank my God that by His Holy Spirit, He opened my eyes and my understanding, showing me through the Hebrew Scriptures, that in grace He sent His one and only Son, *Yeshua* our promised Messiah, who came in humility, died a substitutionary death, and rose from the grave in order to provide this great Atonement. Isaiah wrote of this great Atonement, **But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.** Isaiah 53:5.

During this age of grace, we who are believers, find it fascinating to see from the Scriptures that each one of the Seven Feasts of the LORD point to the beloved Son of God, our Lord *Yeshua* the Messiah. He came once fulfilling the Feast of Passover, and He will come again to fulfill the Feast of Tabernacles and take His rightful place as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Until that future day, we seek by the grace of God, to faithfully present the gospel to all.

Thank you for your prayers.

Please pray:

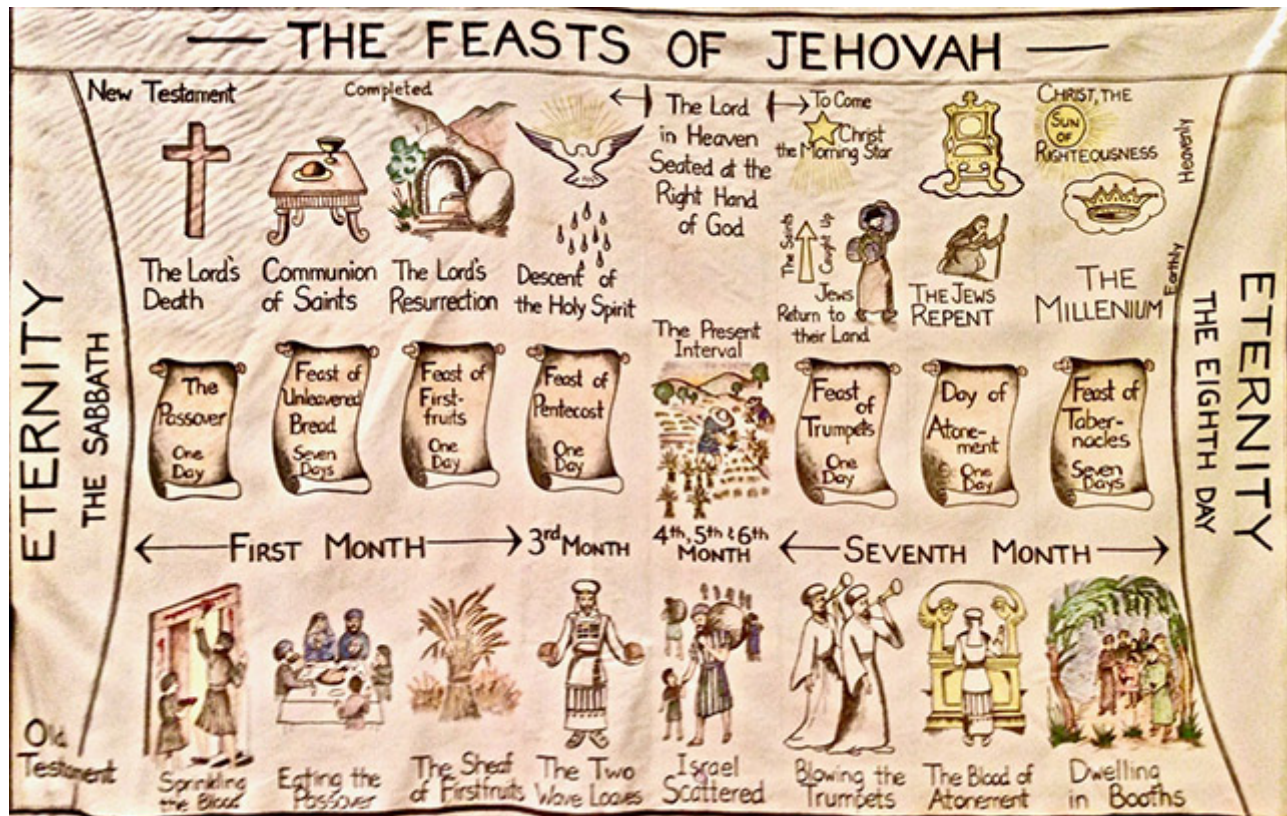
- For Israel during these Fall Feasts of the Lord.
- For our family here and in Israel.
- For our special meetings during this season.
- For Jewish friends with whom we are in contact.
- For Irene and my health.
- **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.** Psalm 122:6

"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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