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

As we are nearing the end of 2018, and another year is almost gone, we reflect on how the Lord Jesus our Messiah has led us and helped us in so many ways, and with David the king of Israel we can say, Behold, **God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.** Psalm 54:4. It is another year which passed by for the ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel, over these many years the Lord blessed the ministry and used the distribution of the Bible, the weekly Bible teaching meetings, and the preaching of His Word through the radio and Websites, sharing with Jews and Gentiles the message of the gospel of our Lord Jesus, *Yeshua* the Messiah. We are thankful that even now in days of small things, God uses His Word. The continual prayers and support of the people of God is evident, as any service for the Lord must be watered with the prayers of His saints. As Israel of old was encouraged not to take for granted any small thing that is done for God, we too are encouraged not to despise anything small that is done for our Lord. Zechariah in chapter 4:10a encouraged his people Israel with this question, **For who hath despised the day of small things?** No believer should ever despise any small thing done for the Lord, therefore we praise God for any measure of grace given to serve Him, however small it may be.

We are entering the season when the professing christian world celebrates the birth of the Lord

Jesus the Messiah, and while it is special to hear the name of Jesus the Messiah mentioned more than normally, sadly many who participate in this celebration, do not actually know Him as their Lord, Messiah and Saviour. While we do not know the exact birth date of the Messiah, the Word of God does reveal to us the reason for His birth, and why He came to earth. People need the Lord, and people need to know the reason for the birth of the Messiah. **But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripe we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.** Isaiah 53:5-6. *Yeshua*, Jesus the Messiah was born in order to die and become our Saviour, we all needed a Redeemer, one who would pay the price for our sin. How grateful to God, we as believers are, that He in the person of the Son, entered into this sad sinful world, becoming a sinless man through the virgin birth, and as man, *Yeshua* became our substitute through His death and Resurrection.

Recently, the Jewish community concluded the celebration of the Feast of Dedication, Hanukkah in Hebrew, commemorating the re-dedication of the temple in Jerusalem in 165 B.C. The temple was desecrated by the armies of Antiochus the 4th, a Grecian - Syrian king, who called himself Antiochus Epiphanes, claiming to be God manifest, we read of him and his wicked activities in Daniel 8:9-14. Antiochus ordered the Jews to worship Zeus rather than YHWH the living God, he was not only seeking to hellenize our people, but to totally eliminate all traces of God-given Jewish life. Antiochus, a miniature picture of the antichrist, the counterfeit Messiah, who will appear in future days, persecuted the Jewish people, raided the temple in Jerusalem, stealing its treasures, setting up an altar to Zeus, sacrificing a pig on the altar, profaning the temple of God. Yet an amazing miracle happened, God in His grace delivered His people from Antiochus and his armies, and led them to re-dedicate the desecrated temple. They were able in a miraculous way to rekindle the Menorah, the lamp-stand, which was quenched by those who opposed God and His Laws. We thank God who is sovereign and He indeed will fulfil all the promises which He made, we praise Him for this assuring hope. This was our subject message during that season, we looked into Daniel 8:9-14 and John 10:22-33. The subject was, Hanukkah, the Feast of Dedication, a recorded message can be found on our [website](#).



Interestingly, some 200 years later, our Lord *Yeshua* walked in that very same temple during the very same feast of Hanukkah, the feast of dedication, as we read In John 10:22-23. **Now it was the Feast of Dedication, Hanukkah in Jerusalem, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch.** *Yeshua* claimed to be God as He responded to the question, If thou be the Messiah, tell us plainly. In His response Jesus said, **I and my Father are one.** John 10:30. It was then that the Jewish leaders wanted to stone Him saying: **For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God.** John 10:33b. Sadly the leaders of our people Israel did not accept *Yeshua* the Messiah who truly was God manifest, fulfilling the prophetic word of Isaiah 9:6, For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.



As to our Holy Scriptures and Israel weekly ministry meetings and bible studies, we have three meetings, during which we study three of the books of the Bible. Recently, on Friday morning we concluded the study of the gospel of John, which emphasizes the divine nature of Jesus the Messiah. We enjoyed tremendously the study of John which we began in October 2015 and every Friday morning for just over three years, finally concluding our study in November 2018. We

were blessed much by studying the word of God in detail, chapter by chapter, and verse by verse. God, through Isaiah, said that He will teach knowledge and understanding of doctrine, to those who want to grow spiritually. **For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little,** Isaiah 28:10. Now that we have concluded the study of John, we have begun to study the letter that Paul wrote to the Galatians. The study of Galatians will help us understand that our justification is not by law keeping, but by faith in our Lord *Yeshua* the Messiah. We read in Galatian 2:16, **Know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ.** We pray that the Lord will continue to use these bible studies and ministry meetings to be a blessing to those who attend them.

We would like to share with you another encouraging letter from a believer from South Africa, who wrote; *Greetings in the Name of Jesus our Lord and Saviour. I just recently started to follow you and your wonderful teaching on TWR360 here in South Africa. Thank you for helping us understand the Holy Scriptures from a Jewish perspective. I am a pastor of a small church in Pretoria, South Africa (THE CENTURION EVANGELICAL BIBLE CHURCH). We are only but a few dispensational believers in South Africa left, who love Israel and believe that God still has a powerful plan to bless the Gentile Nations of the world through His chosen people Israel. We believe in the Immanent Rapture, The 70th Week of Daniel for the Jews to return to the Messiah, The Literal 1000 Year Earthly Reign of Christ and so forth. For this we are continuously mocked and ostracized. However, your ministry encourages my heart to continue to "rightly divide" the Word of Truth. Thank you so much for this. May God richly bless you. NAME.* Our hearts are blessed, as the Lord uses even those who listen to our Bible teaching programs on the radio or websites, to encourage us to continue on in this outreach.

Please remember our family before the throne of grace, and that the Lord will continue to use us and the ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel for His glory. We value your prayers for the Bible teaching meetings in Toronto, as well as the outreach via the radio and various websites; [JOY](#) radio in Ontario Canada, [WDCX](#) radio in Buffalo, New York, [KDIA](#) radio in San Fransisco, as well as the websites of [Trans World Radio](#), [One Place](#) and [SermonAudio](#).



We wish you dear brothers and sisters the joy of the Lord and a very happy new year. May our blessed Lord *Yeshua*, Jesus the Messiah bless you richly, may He come soon, as He promised and take His rightful place. We read in 1 Timothy 6:15; **which He will bring about at the proper time. He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.**

**Please pray for:**

- The believers who attend our weekly Bible classes.
- The needed grace and wisdom in teaching the Bible.
- The Saturday/Shabbat ministry meetings.
- The Jewish individuals with whom we are in touch.
- The various contacts and visits.
- **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,

*A. Leon & Irene*