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Dear brothers and sisters in Messiah,

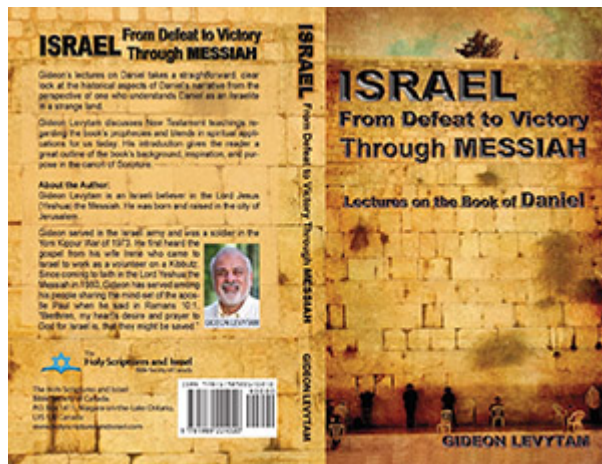
Shalom! שלום!

"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 6:4 "וַיֵּשֶׁן וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר יְהוָה אֶל־זְרֻבָּבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בִמְחִיל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם־בְּרוּחִי אֶמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

Of late, Irene and I have contemplated how we need to be thankful to God and to our Lord *Yeshua* the Messiah for who He is and what He has done for us, and not to neglect to give thanks to God. Our God is a gracious and glorious God, King David did not neglect to give thanks, he praised God before all the congregation of Israel saying, ...**Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.** 1 Chronicles 29:10b, he continues to give thanks by saying, **Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.** 1 Chronicles 29:13. David was thankful to take part in preparing that which was needed for the building of the first temple in Jerusalem, where God would dwell in the midst of His people Israel. How wonderful that we, who are believers in the Lord *Yeshua*, like David, are privileged to take a little part in building the spiritual House of God, which is the assembly. We believers, **are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ (*Yeshua* the Messiah) himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are built together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.** Ephesians 2:20-22.

We have recently printed a new edition of the book - **Israel from Defeat to Victory, Lectures on the book of Daniel.** Taken from a series of Bible lectures I held back in 2001 - 2002 on the



book of Daniel, these lectures were presented from a Hebrew - Messianic perspective. Sister Carol Cooksey, who regularly attended these meetings recorded the lectures and eventually transcribed them and prepared them for a book format. We prayerfully considered the possibility of publishing it and with the help of our Lord *Yeshua* the book was first published in April of 2011. The new edition includes all the scripture verses which are referenced in the book, aiding the reader in the study with the Word of God before them. We trust that this book will be of help to the reader, to the honour and glory of the Lord.

As the ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel has developed over the years, we thank the Lord for raising up brothers and sisters, who have volunteered their time to serve the Lord in any needful areas of the ministry. One important aspect of our ministry is the preparation of our messages for the radio stations and websites. This part of the ministry involves recording, listening, editing, typing, cleaning, cutting messages to specific lengths, adding an introduction and conclusion to each radio and website message, referred to as intro and extro. This long process is followed by uploading and posting the messages on to the various radio stations and websites. We are thankful to the Lord that over the many years we were blessed to have the help of individuals such as Carole Cooksey, Yianny Georgopoulos, and other brothers and sisters who were willing to give of their time to this outreach.

At this time we are thankful to the Lord for His grace in providing additional help, which was needed for our Holy Scriptures and Israel radio and website ministry. Brother Scott Cassell, from the Roanoke Virginia Assembly, has graciously volunteered his time and expertise in assisting us in preparing our MP3 recorded Bible teaching radio programs. Brother Scott is retired since July 2013, he spent his entire 40-year career in information technology, of which the last eight years were teaching computer programming at a local community college. He lives in Virginia with Connie his wife of 45 years, and has four children and eight grandchildren. In a recent remark to us Scott said, *I am thankful that the Lord has allowed me to work with the Holy Scriptures and Israel using some of the knowledge from my career.* Please remember brother Scott and his wife Connie in your prayers.



We have just completed our study of the book of Mark during our Saturday/Shabbat weekly outreach meetings of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. We were blessed as we searched the Scriptures and meditated on the wonderful gospel of Mark, who presents the person of our Lord *Yeshua*, as the Servant of the LORD, in Hebrew, EVED ADONAI. The study of the gospel of Mark took us one year to complete and we have approximately 34 recorded messages, almost all of them have been uploaded to our Holy Scriptures and Israel website, and they can be heard and downloaded from this link. <http://www.holyscripturesandisrael.com/radio> The whole study of the gospel of Mark will be aired on the radio stations as well as [Trans World Radio](http://www.TransWorldRadio.com), [OnePlace.com](http://www.OnePlace.com) and [SermonAudio.com](http://www.SermonAudio.com). We did receive a notification from Sermon Audio that on one particular day this month our message for that day, from the book of Mark, was in the top 50 listened to out of over one million messages. We praise the Lord for that and are thankful that

these messages are being heard. We really appreciate your prayers for the radio ministry, the Lord has been answering them. It was the Lord Jesus the Messiah Himself who promised to answer prayer, as He charged His disciples saying these words in this very gospel of Mark, **Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.** Mark 11:24.



As in past newsletters, we like to share with you some of the correspondence we receive from our listeners. Here is an excerpt from a believer in India who wrote the following, "*Dear Friends at Holy Scriptures and Israel, as a regular visitor to Holy Scriptures and Israel website, I am to state that I enjoy all your wonderful radio programmes which are thought-evoking and interesting. They give me a sense of hope and strength to lead a purposeful life by believing in the Messiah. I am delighted to have been associated with your radio station for most part of 2018 and hope to have similar experience in the coming days. I am sending a feedback on one of your programmes which I listened on live streaming on the internet radio. I would request you to verify my report with a printed QSL card. It would be nice to receive a printed copy of the Bible for home reading.*" His e-mail continues on, detailing the various programs he has listened to and what he has learned from them. This kind of feedback encourages our hearts, as we continue on in the study, teaching, and preaching of the Word of God.



As a matter for prayer, our brother Yacov, a Jewish believer from the former Soviet Union, who has been faithfully attending our Holy Scriptures and Israel meetings for many years, has recently suffered a stroke. I had the opportunity to visit him in the hospital last week and he was very happy for the fellowship. Yacov is the only believer in his family and we would ask you to pray for his health as well as the salvation of his wife and children. Also we would request prayer for Joyce, an elderly sister

in the Lord, who listens to our program on KDIA in California. We have corresponded in the past, and she called me this week to ask for prayer as she is going through a difficult time, so please remember Joyce in your prayers as well.

We are thankful to you dear brothers and sisters for your prayers and support of this ministry. Our desire is that the Lord will use His Word for a blessing to those who attend our fellowship meetings, and to those who listen to Holy Scriptures and Israel radio programs. King David guided by the Holy Spirit, wrote these words, **The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.** Psalm 19:7. The apostle

Paul also guided by the Holy Spirit, penned these words, **So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.** Romans 10:17.

Please pray:

- For our radio and website outreach
- For encouragement to each of our listeners
- For brother Scott Cassell as he prepare messages for the radio and websites
- For Yacov, a Jewish believer in Yeshua and his family's salvation
- For Joyce during this difficult time
- For the Lord to use the updated book of Daniel
- For our son Yoav's recovery from his surgery
- **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



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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