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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 "וַיֵּעַן וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר יְהוָה אֶל-זֵרְבָבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחֵיל וְלֹא בִקְחָץ כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אֶמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

We trust that you are doing well and rejoicing in the Lord. In our local assembly we often sing the hymn entitled, **Man of Sorrows, What a Name**. The first stanza continues with these words, **for the Son of God who came, ruined sinners to reclaim, Hallelujah, what a Saviour**. This song is very moving and loved not only because of its moving melody, but because the song conveys to our hearts the unfathomable love of God towards mankind. Just imagine, dear brethren, God in the person of His Son, was willing to become a man, Yeshua by name. He became a man in order to become the supreme sacrifice, taking upon Himself the punishment for sin, which is death, punishment we sinners by nature and practice deserved to receive. This truly is the unsearchable love of God! This act of God, touches the heart of every believer. There is no doubt that the writer of this hymn took the words from the prophecy of Isaiah in chapter 53. As we share the gospel with our Jewish brethren, we often turn back to Isaiah 53, yet, for those of us who are Jewish, this 53rd chapter of Isaiah, is known in Hebrew as **Ha-Perek Ha-Asur**, meaning, **the forbidden chapter**. The question may be asked why, and the answer is that our Rabbis stopped to include Isaiah 53 as part of the weekly Shabbat readings in the Synagogue as they felt that it could be misunderstood and will cause our Jewish people to be confused. This is the reason why many, if not most, Jewish people have never actually read Isaiah 53.

Name	Hebrew	Origin/Meaning	Emphasis
YHWH JEHOVAH	יהוה	LORD	The Eternal Self existing God יהוה-הוה-יהיה First mentioned - Genesis 2:4,5,7,8,9, Exodus 3:13-14 Exodus 20:7
Elohim Elohah & El	אלהים אלוה - אל	GOD – ELOHIM Also used for idols, falls gods. Genesis 31:30-32. Exodus 12:12. 20:2-3	The Mighty God- Numbers 23:22 The Creator God- Genesis 1:1 Psalm 19:1
Adon Adonai a plural form	אדון אדני	Lord lord: can also be used of man. Numbers 11:28 Duet 23:15	The Master, ruler & Judge Genesis 15:2,8. 18:27,30,31,32. 19:18. 20:4. Joshua 3:11

But we praise God, for we know that Isaiah 53 is one of the most clear prophecies that God gave to Israel which predicts the coming of the redeeming Messiah. God in His grace, love, and wisdom, used Isaiah the prophet to present the Messiah to His people Israel. He will first come to suffer and die, and then He will come again, in His second coming to rule and reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. It is of His first coming that Isaiah wrote, **He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.** Isaiah 53:3. These words, **man of sorrows**, in Hebrew, **אִישׁ מַכְאֹבֹת** - **Ish Machovot**, points to the pain and sorrows that our Lord Yeshua experienced, both in His life, and in His death for us. He paid the price, so that every believer in Him will receive forgiveness and eternal Salvation. No wonder we delight to lift up our voices to Him and sing, **Hallelujah, What a Saviour.**



Recently, Irene and I were privileged to make a visit with our brothers and sisters in the assembly in Akron Ohio. Most of the brethren in that local assembly are believers from Bhutan, who came to faith in our Lord Jesus the Messiah. We were happy to respond to a request by these dear brethren to share ministry with them relating to the names of God found in the Scriptures. We sensed the grace of God during our meetings around the Word and the Lord truly blessed our time together, which we very much enjoyed. While staying with the brethren, we learned a little more of the plight of the Bhutanese people, the order of events which led to them

becoming refugees in Nepal. Many of them lived for years in one of the seven refugee camps that were set up by the United Nations in Nepal. Our hearts go out to our dear brethren and their people who were deported out of their homeland. We were directed to these two informative clips on youtube which helped us understand better the plight of the forgotten people of Bhutan.

Bhutan's forgotten people Part 1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQHiSHhiJU0>
Bhutan's forgotten people Part 2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZuHdsZEVF4>

We are amazed and thankful to the ways the Lord has opened doors for us, in order to spread the gospel through the teachings of His Word. Shortly after beginning our new airtime weekend edition on the WDCX radio station on Saturdays, we received an e-mail from a dear sister, Noga, an Israeli-Jewish believer in Yeshua the Messiah. Noga came to faith in Yeshua the Messiah many years ago, and has been serving the Lord among our Jewish brethren. I was asked if I would be interested in having our bible teaching programs aired through Bible Voice Broadcasting, on 98.7 FM in Bethlehem, a station which can also be heard in Jerusalem. Bible Voice Broadcasting, <http://www.bvbroadcasting.org> is an avenue through which many broadcasters present the Word of God to many countries and in many languages. We are thankful for this additional open door and value your prayers for those in Bethlehem and Jerusalem who may be listening to the ministry of the Word of God. This open door is greatly appreciated, as it is a privilege to share the Scriptures out of the very city where our Lord Jesus the Messiah was born. **But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.** Micah 5:2.

Because the city of Bethlehem is under the authority of the Palestine Liberation Organization, the PLO, there are some restrictions to radio programming as they are censored. Some of the requirements are as follows: 1. Programs must not include any political or controversial comments. 2. Because of the current political situation in the Middle East, programmers are asked to limit their contact information to an email address. 3. Programmers must use the term Holy Land, rather than Israel in their program, if referring to the area. 4. Programmers need to refer to the Son of God as Jesus, rather than His Hebrew name Yeshua, or any other term specific to Israel. In spite of these restrictions, we believe that the Lord is able to use His Word in order to speak to the hearts of all who will listen, as we read of the promise of God who said. **So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.** Isaiah 55:11.

Locally, we continue on with our Holy Scriptures and Israel weekly bible teaching ministry. Last Saturday, we concluded our study of the book of Malachi. The message of the prophet Malachi was the last message that God gave to Israel before some 400 years of silence, after which time our Messiah, Yeshua appeared. It was sad to learn, that, even after the return of our people Israel from captivity to their homeland, there was once again a departure from God. We took note, that we, who are part of the assembly of the living God, in the last days of the church age, find ourselves in the very same sad spiritual state. But, thankfully our unchanging God, who found pleasure in the godly remnant in Israel who feared Him, of them we read, **Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.** Malachi 3:16. We also can honour our Lord Jesus the Messiah by living for Him during these last days of the church age. May we spend our time wisely, and may we be occupied with those things which draw us closer to Himself.

In the will of the Lord, Irene and I will be attending Pine Valley Bible Camp next month. Over the many years we have been blessed to be together with the young people enjoying camp, as we learn from the Word of God. We are thankful to the Lord for allowing us to participate in this



unique outreach. Your prayers for the young and old who will be attending Pine Valley Bible camp is appreciated, only the Lord knows how much and how many this camp has blessed, and how many lives it has changed. To God be the Glory.

Thank you so much dear brothers and sisters for remembering us, our family, and the ministry among our Jewish brethren in your prayers. Please pray with us that the Lord will continue to give us the needed physical health, as well as the

spiritual discernment as we continue in this His ministry. Our desire is that the Lord will bring into our midst those Jewish individuals with whom we can share the person of Yeshua the Messiah. The Lord is working in many hearts, His sure Word speaks to those who recognize that they have a need. **As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.** Psalm 18:30.

Please pray for:

- The Holy Scriptures and Israel.
- The radio outreach from Bethlehem.
- The Bhutanese brethren.
- The ministry of the Word in our Toronto outreach.
- The Pine Vally Bible Camp.
- The physical and spiritual health of Irene and I.
- **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



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