



November 2019

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 "וַיַּעַן וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר-יְהוָה אֶל-זְרֻבָּבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחֵיל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

Irene and I are safely back home from our trip to Israel. Thank you for your many prayers. They were both felt and appreciated! The Lord granted us marvellous weather which we enjoyed to the utmost, especially since we knew that we would be returning home to cold wintry weather. We had a wonderful group of thirty with us, ranging in age from 18 to 94 years of age. We were blessed to once again have a Jewish believer as a guide. Raffi, our bus driver had many questions and the Lord gave opportunity for me to share the gospel with him. We started every day with singing the chorus THIS IS THE DAY, and Raffi joined whole heartedly in the singing, sometimes singing it to himself. We pray that the Lord will open his heart to the knowledge of the truth.



The Lord helped us and guided us as we traveled together throughout Israel. We learned much during our trip as we opened the Word of God, while visiting the sites where the events actually happened. It is a tremendous experience to learn from the Scriptures of our God and His ways, not only the early biblical history of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, our forefathers who were called to come to this promised land, but also of our Lord Jesus the Messiah who lived, served, died,

and rose again for the sin of the world. We learned also of the glorious future, when this same *Yeshua* will return in order to set things in order. We read of this in the prophets, as well as in the book of Revelation. Isaiah, by the word of the LORD prophesied, saying, **Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest, as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.** Isaiah 32:1-2.



During our tour in Israel, a few of us were able to attend the remembrance meeting with the believers of the local assembly in the city of Ramleh. It was a joy to remember together our Lord *Yeshua* in His death, burial and resurrection. As always, the brethren of the local assembly graciously hosted us with middle eastern hospitality and brotherly love. I had the privilege to share with the brethren a word of encouragement from 1 Corinthians

2, where the apostle Shaul - Paul reminded the Corinthians, that our salvation is entirely a provision given to us by the Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Paul pointed out that it was God the Father, who, in His wisdom ordained the plan of salvation long before the world began, and that it was God the Holy Spirit, who alone, revealed the truth of Salvation unto His own. That it was God the Son, as the man, *Yeshua* the Messiah, who was willing to die in order to provide salvation for mankind. Paul wrote, **For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus the Messiah, and him crucified.** 1 Corinthians 2:2.

While we were in Galilee, where our Lord spent much of His time ministering to the multitude, it was extremely interesting for us to walk through an olive grove in which there were some olive trees which were estimated to be 2000 years old, perhaps from the time when the Lord *Yeshua* was there. In order to give you an idea of how these 2000 year old olive trees look like, Irene and I took some pictures to share with you.



Irene and I were able to spend some time with family following the tour. Some of my relatives, I have not seen since I came to Canada over 40 years ago. Amazing how time has passed by so quickly. Some family members are in their eighties and nineties, being much older, they remembered many things from our childhood, our parents and grandparents. My sister Noga and I were fascinated with things they remembered from the past. They recounted how dearly my grandfather had loved me and they would often see me sitting on his lap while he taught the scriptures to me. As our families lived next door to each other, we attended the same Yemenite synagogue in Jerusalem. I remember my grandfather taking me with him to the synagogue and as the men sang I would join in singing as loud as I could, trying to emulate them. It was very moving to hear stories from the past, the history of our families, such as the ALIYA - עלייה to Israel, the GOING UP in Hebrew, the immigration of our great-grandparents and grandparents to

the Land of Israel, some in the late 1890's and others a few years later. Our family was part of the Jewish community in Yeman, known to be devout Jews, who for centuries were segregated and as such are known to have the purest bloodline. Historically the Yemenite Jews are descendants of the Jewish people who went through the Babylonian captivity.

During our conversation, they mentioned that they understood from others that I had departed from the God of Israel, and had joined a certain cult. This statement was sad for me to hear coming from my family. In general, our people are misinformed as to who the Lord *Yeshua* is, this is a sad fact. That is why we, who are involved in Jewish ministry, must first present the Lord Jesus / *Yeshua* from the TANACH, the Hebrew Old Testament and after that show the fulfilment in the writings of the New Covenant portion of the Word of God, just as the early Hebrew Apostles did. While it is true, that today, the condition of the professing church is far from that which the Lord *Yeshua* expected, yet the truth that He is the Messiah never changes. I was glad that the Lord allowed me, in that short time, to express myself, saying that I did not embrace any cult. I had simply accepted the promises given to our forefathers by the prophets, that the Messiah will come, and that *Yeshua* is that Messiah. One day, it may be very soon, our people Israel will turn to Him as the prophets foretold. The apostle Paul declared, **For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved.** Romans 11:25-26a.



Now back in Canada, it was good to be back at our Saturday/Shabbat meeting and see our local brothers and sisters. Thankfully during our absence, brothers Alfred Bouter, John Neufeld and brothers Tony Tsoi and Stephen Kearon, were able to assist and minister the word of God on both, the two Shabbats-Saturdays meetings and the three Friday bible classes. We thank the Lord for these brethren who are always ready to help when they are needed. With the help of the Lord, we finalized our study on the prophecy of Amos, concluding the study of the ninth chapter. It was such a delight to learn from the last verses in the ninth chapter of Amos, that God gave His people Israel the sure promise of final restoration. Anyone who reads such a book, which in its entirety speaks of judgement after judgement, should rejoice with such a promise which comes from the heart of God to His earthly people Israel. The LORD declared, **In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: ... And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel.** Amos 9:11,14a. Should any of you wish to listen to the whole series on the book of Amos, you can do so by going to our Holy Scriptures and Israel website. <http://www.holy scriptures and israel.com/radio> After our Holy Scriptures and Israel meeting, it was a blessing to join with the young people at the Willowdale assembly for an outreach event. The Praise Night, emphasized the resurrection of Lord Jesus the Messiah, and reached out with the message of the gospel. We thank the Lord for the brethren who have their

hearts set on reaching out and encouraging the young people in the things of the Lord.

Occasionally we include in our newsletter a short excerpt from some of our listeners to the radio programs, or from those who were on our Israel the Land of the Bible tours. We are thankful to the Lord for an e-mail we received from a person in India who listens to our program on the TWR360, Trans World Radio, saying. - *The explanation on the book of Daniel is very clear, we love you and we pray for your ministry, that it will be a blessing to many, thank you. Can you please send me the charts of Daniel's dream and visions. Also a sister who was with us in Israel wrote. - Thank you very much for the Bible teachings we had while on the trip. For me, it is THE ONLY unforgettable trip of my life. It is an eye opening experience.*

We are so blessed that the Lord Jesus graciously brings into our lives and ministry such individuals who love *Yeshua* and His people, and have a godly burden to share the gospel of Jesus the Messiah with the people of Israel. Irena is such a sister, who has faithfully served our Lord *Yeshua* and His people for many years and has been such a blessing to us all. We were happy to share with Irena and her family a joyful time of celebration on the occasion of her 80th birthday, and our prayer for Irena is that the Lord will give her joy as He continues to sustain her day by day. **For the joy of the LORD is your strength.** Nehemiah 8:10b.



We want to thank you all dear brothers and sisters for your prayerful support of us in the ministry among the Jewish people. Your care for us, our family, and the ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel is appreciated. We realize that we are only a tool in the hands of the Lord, and only He is able to produce fruit for His own glory. *Yeshua* said in John 15:5. **I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abide in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.** So we value your on-going prayers, may we abide in our Lord Jesus, as without Him we can do nothing.

**Please pray for:**

- The ones who joined us for the Bible Land tour.
- The local brethren of the assembly in Ramleh.
- The Israeli Jewish and Arab believers in Israel.
- The salvation of our Israeli bus driver.
- The salvation of our family in Israel, to know who *Yeshua* is.
- The radio ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel.
- The weekly outreach meetings in Toronto.
- The blessing of the Lord for sister Irena.
- **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*