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

Thankfully, dear brothers and sisters we are able to continue serving our Lord Jesus the Messiah, even during times such as these. Initially, when COVID-19 first hit, we thought that we would be limited in ministering the Word of God, instead we find ourselves busier than ever. Although we can no longer be together physically, our Holy Scriptures and Israel meetings have continued with increasingly greater numbers. Our God is so good, He provides various avenues whereby His people can be edified. The Zoom meetings have allowed us to minister to individuals who would not normally be able, or willing, to attend the outreach fellowship. This past Friday, at our evening Bible study we were encouraged to have an Israeli, who as yet does not know *Yeshua* as her Messiah, as part of our study. We are also blessed to have people from the USA, Europe and the Caribbean join us for the study of the Word. If you know of anyone who would be interested in receiving an invitation for the Zoom meetings, feel free to e-mail us.

The end of April was very sad, as our people throughout the world remembered the six million Jews who died in the Holocaust. These are very solemn days and the sorrow runs very deep. Following the Holocaust Memorial Day, Israel remembered those who have died in the last 72 years, for the sake of the state. On April 13, 1948, my uncle Zechariah and his cousin Margalit, who was a nurse, were massacred along with 76 others as their convoy bringing food, doctors, nurses and medicine attempted to reach the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. Unfortunately, their convoy was ambushed and 78 people lost their lives. There is a memorial on Mt. Scopus

commemorating those whose lives were cut short. As we remember and contemplate these events, we marvel at how in such a short time, and only through the help of God, our people Israel have achieved so much. Yet, our hearts yearn for more, for the promised national and spiritual redemption. and for the regeneration of Israel. We, as believers, should long to see



Israel in the place God would have them be, along with our Lord *Yeshua* the Messiah who in Luke 19:41-42 wept over Jerusalem and cried out these words, **if thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.** Presently, Israel, as a nation is still in a state of spiritual blindness. We praise God for the remnant of Jewish people, from the early apostles and prophets, to those who over the last 2000 years have understood who *Yeshua* is, and have come to faith in Him, and together with non Jewish believers are

now part of the assembly of the believers. As Shaul / Paul wrote in Romans 11:5. **Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.**

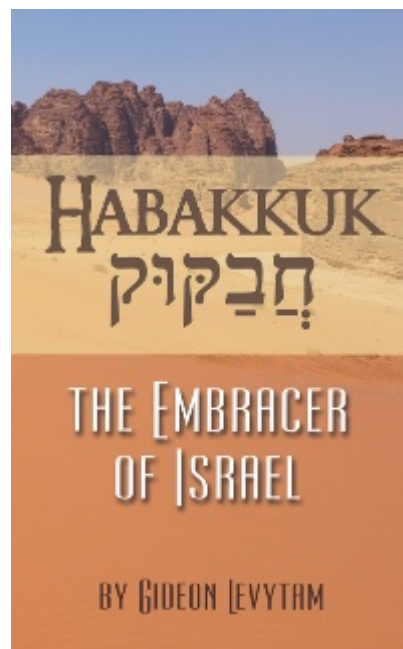
Israel, does not yet have the true שלום - Shalom/Peace which they long for, which will only come through acceptance of the person of Jesus the promised Messiah. It was He, who longed for this, calling out; **How often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.** Luke 13:34b-35. While Israel has built a strong army, seeking to protect the small nation from its many enemies, determined never to experience another Holocaust, yet we know from Scripture that our Sovereign God has His own will and plan, and in His time He will provide the long awaited Peace. Let us pray that the gospel of the grace of God will touch the hearts of many more Jewish people, even today.

Over the past few weeks we have received requests to share ministry from the Word of God, as well as a Messiah in the Passover presentation. It is a joy and blessing to encourage our brothers and sisters, our desire is to be helpful to the people of God. We also enjoyed to meet over Zoom with the California young people who are studying the five-fold sacrificial offerings which God requested from Israel, in order to draw nigh to Him. This topic is not an easy one to study, yet any who study this subject realize that each of these sacrifices point to the beauty of the person of our Lord *Yeshua* / Jesus the Messiah, who became a sweet smelling savour. Paul reminded the Ephesian brethren of this very fact in chapter 5:2 saying, **And walk in love, as Messiah also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour.**

We thank our Lord, who raised up one such as Shaul / Paul, in order that he would faithfully declare the gospel of Christ. On his way to Jerusalem for the feast of SHAVUOT / Pentecost, Paul called for the Ephesian elders, charging them to remember that he had taught them all the purposes of God. In Acts 20:27 we read this statement, For I have not **shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.** Clearly, from the life and ministry of Paul, we see that he had the mind and heart of *Yeshua*, his glorified Lord and Messiah. Our prayer is that this kind of attitude would be developed in the heart of everyone who is privileged to share with others the Word of God. As Paul did, so are we responsible to present clearly and faithfully the whole council of God.

With the help of the Lord we have completed the study on the book of Habakkuk. This intriguing prophet of Judah was a lover of his brethren, his name Habakkuk, actually means embracer in

Hebrew. Habakkuk was truly an embracer of his brethren, he could not bear to see them divided, treating each other wrongly and dishonouring the Lord. Habakkuk continued to cry to God for help until God finally answered him. Like Habakkuk, we also need to have a heart of love for the brethren, the assembly. Normally, these messages would have been recorded while ministering in Toronto, but this had to be recorded in my office at home. The entire series has been added to our website, should you wish to listen to these messages you can find them using this link.
<http://www.holyscripturesandisrael.com/radio>



We have begun, with the help of the Lord, to develop the YouTube ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. This is another avenue through which we can present the gospel of our Lord Jesus the Messiah and offer teachings from the Word of God. We wish to reach out to those whom the Lord will bring our way, providing Biblical teaching, presented from a first century Hebrew - Messianic prospective. Our teaching ministry is geared specifically towards the Jewish people. We trust and pray that the Lord will use this new channel to help them better understand who *Yeshua*/Jesus the Messiah is. We value your prayers for this endeavour. You may go to the Holy Scriptures and Israel channel for more information at <https://www.youtube.com/holyscripturesandisrael>. To receive notifications when a new video posted, click the 'Subscribe' button then click the 'bell' icon that appears. We've just started a new series called 'The Seven Feasts of the LORD'. You can watch the introduction [here](#).



Before we close this May newsletter, we would like to request special prayer for our brother Alfred Bouter and his family. Just recently, on May the 6th, Alfred's dear wife Edith, passed away. Our sister Edith experienced health issues for some years, we praise God that she no longer suffers and is now home in heaven, with her Lord and Saviour. Our hearts go out to dear brother Alfred and his family, may the Lord sustain them and comfort their hearts.

We appreciate your prayers for us dear brothers and sisters, both for our health as well as for

the ministry which the Lord has given us. Thank you for your encouragement and support. The Apostle Paul, encouraged the brethren with these words, Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58.

Please pray for:

- The Holy Scriptures and Israel.
- The weekly Bible teaching meetings on Zoom.
- The radio and website Bible teaching programs.
- The development and outreach of our Youtube ministry.
- The new individuals who attend classes.
- The Israeli individual who listened in to the Bible study on Zoom.
- Brother Alfred Bouter and the family.
- **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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