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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־זְרֻבָּבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחֵיל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם־בְּרוּחִי אֶמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

We pray that you are all doing well, being sustained by His Grace. We can rest assured that our times are in His Hands.

Some weeks ago on July 29th, the Jewish community worldwide remembered, as it does every year, the destruction of the first and second temples in Jerusalem. The first temple was destroyed by the Babylonians in the year 586 BC, the second temple by the Romans in the year 70 AD. The 9th of Av in the Hebrew calendar is the saddest day of the year for Israel, as the country looks back and reflects over the destruction of these temples. On this day, our people Israel, cry to God for mercy, longing for the restoration of the temple. The book of Lamentations is read over and over again, just as the prophet Jeremiah - יֵרֵמְיָהוּ lamented over the destruction of Jerusalem and its temple. In Lamentation 1:1-2, Jeremiah declares, **How lonely sits the city that was full of people! How like a widow is she who was great among the nations! The princess among the provinces has become a slave! She weeps bitterly in the night, her tears are on her cheeks; Among all her lovers she has none to comfort her. All her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies.**

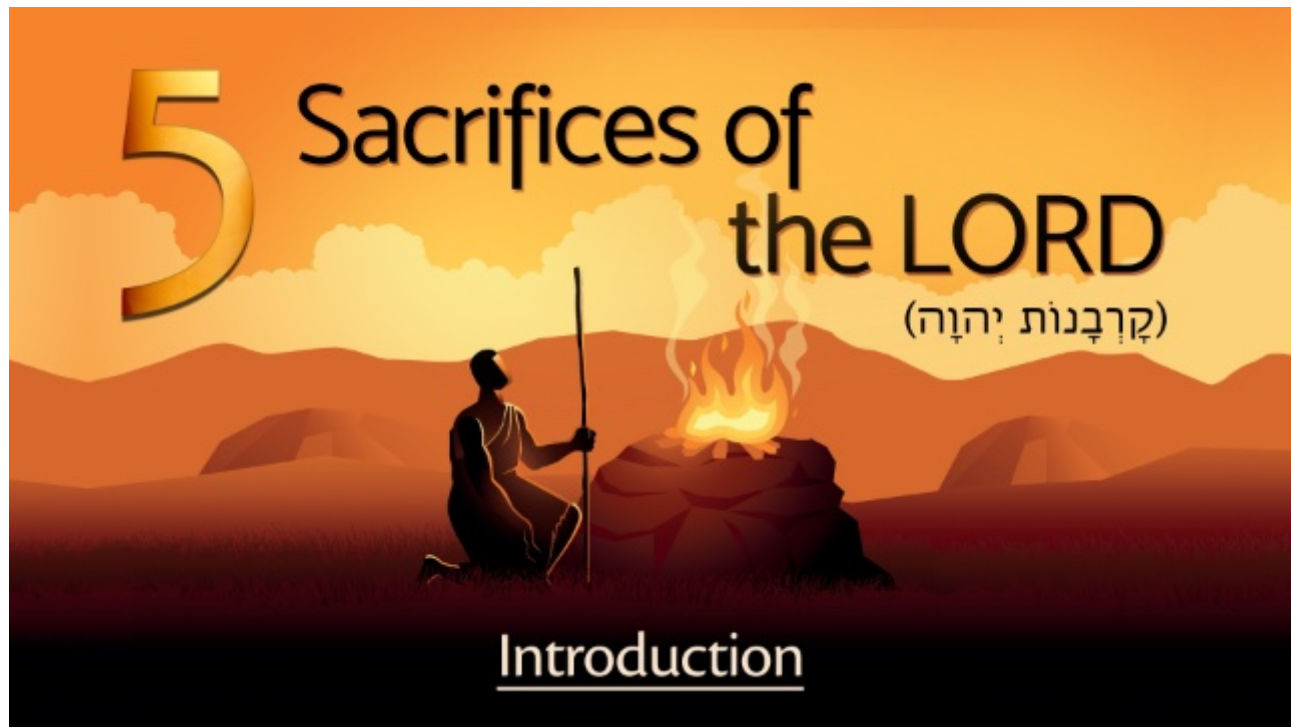
Thank you to all those of you who have been praying for our dear Brother Frank Rizzuti. The Lord has seen fit to take him home to Himself, which was his desire. Frank has been a part of

the Holy Scriptures and Israel outreach ministry for many years, faithfully attending the Bible studies and Saturday/Shabbat meetings. I could always count on Brother Frank if I needed him to take my Bible class when I was away. His reply to my request would always be the same, don't worry Brother Gideon, I will be there. Frank had a burden for the Jewish people and he loved to be among the Jewish believers in Jesus the Messiah, studying Scriptures from a Hebrew-Messianic perspective. Frank also had a burden for the lost and would gladly share the gospel with those he crossed paths with. When his wife Maria called to



let me know that Frank had asked that I officiate his funeral service, she also had a list of scripture verses Brother Frank had prepared for his funeral. Frank requested passages be read that present God as our Creator (Genesis 5:1-2), our Preserver (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24), our Hope-giver (2 Corinthians 5:6-8) and our Resurrector (John 11:21-26). We were all encouraged by these verses. Though we will greatly miss our brother Frank, we know that he is absent from the body and present with the Lord. We were also touched by our last glimpse of Brother Frank in the coffin, clasping his Bible that he loved so much. Due to Covid-19, only 30 people were allowed to attend the funeral. Our brother Simon Martin of the Davenport assembly in Toronto graciously offered to livestream the service. Should you wish to view the service please [click here](#).

As to our Holy Scriptures and Israel outreach ministry, we are blessed to be able to continue on with the ministry of the Word of God, as He opens doors. We have begun recordings on the Parables of *Yeshua* / Jesus the Messiah given in the gospels of Mathew, Mark and Luke. The first recording is an introduction to the Parables. The second recording is 'Ye are the Salt of the Earth', found in Matthew 5:13. Global Vision TV is already airing these messages on [their channel](#) and we will be publishing them on ours shortly. These messages on the Parables are taught from a Hebrew - Messianic perspective and are geared for those who are still unsaved, both Jewish and non-Jewish, who need to hear the message of the gospel of our Lord Jesus the Messiah. We have also begun a new Bible teaching series on the Five Sacrifices which the LORD requested from His people Israel in Leviticus 1:1-5. The series can be viewed on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/HolyScripturesIsrael>. Please subscribe and click the bell icon to notified when new messages become available.



We are currently studying the first book of Corinthians at our Holy Scriptures and Israel Friday morning Bible class. Recently, we arrived to chapter twelve, dealing with the body and its members and the need for each member of the body of Messiah to remember that God has placed each one of us exactly where He wants us to be. The apostle Shaul - Paul pointed this out in 1 Corinthians 12:18, saying, **But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.** He emphasizes that God wants us to be faithful to Him and to be useful in serving among the people of God, both local and beyond. Each of us is challenged to consider whether we are a help or a hindrance, not only to the spiritual growth of any local assembly, but to the whole body of Christ in general.

The other day I received a phone call from Robert who attends our Holy Scriptures and Israel meetings in Toronto. Robert said that he had recently been hospitalized for a couple of days. As he was walking down the hall, he was surprised to hear my voice. Someone was listening to our program on the radio. We were both encouraged to know that even when in the hospital people are able to hear teaching from the Bible. So we praise God for using His Word, wherever it may be.

We thank you for your prayers for us, dear brothers and sisters. We wish you the blessings of our Lord *Yeshua* / Jesus the Messiah. Thankfully, we have the sure promise that the Lord Jesus will be coming soon, for He promised, **And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.** John 14:3.

Please pray for:

- Our Zoom meetings of the Holy Scriptures and Israel.
- The radio programs air each days on local stations.
- The outreach Bible teachings through our YouTube Channel.
- Our outreach Bible teachings through Global Vision TV.
- Our sister Maria Rizzuti and her family.
- The brothers and sisters among us who are sick.
- Encouragement for believers who are discouraged.

- Grace and strength for Irene and I as we continue in our Messiah's service.
- **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,

Aaron & 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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