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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 אֶמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

As we write our July newsletter, the Jewish world has just commemorated a very sad day in Jewish history, known as Tisha B'Av, תִּשְׁעָה בְּאָב, which is on the 9th day of the Hebrew month of Av. This year it fell on Shabbat / Saturday evening after sundown on July 17, and ended on the following day, July 18, at sundown. Tisha B'Av, תִּשְׁעָה בְּאָב, the 9th of Av, is a very solemn day for the people of Israel, as on this very day, a number of disasters happened to the Jewish people, including the destruction of both Temples in the city of Jerusalem. The first Solomonic Temple was destroyed in 586 B.C. by the Babylonian Empire, and the second Zerubavelic Temple was destroyed in 70 A.D. by the Roman Empire.

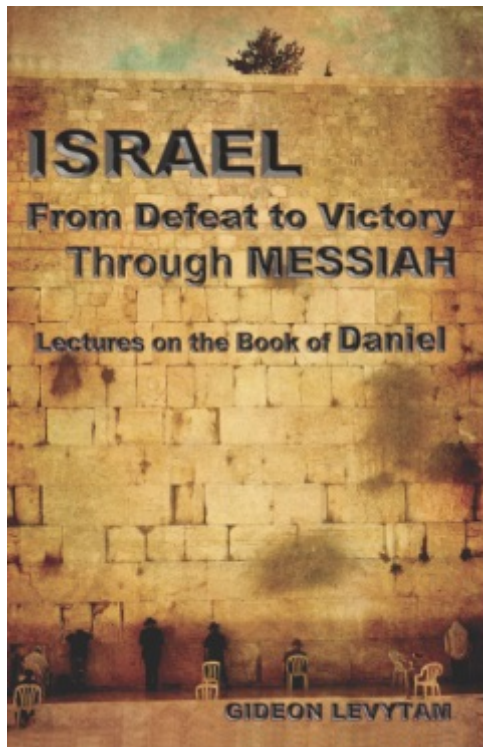


During Tisha B'Av, Jews world wide fast and mourn over the fall of these two temples, and the book of Lamentations is read in the synagogue. Conservative Jews identify with the prophet Jeremiah, who lamented over the destruction of Jerusalem, the Temple, and the plight of his Jewish brethren. Jeremiah exclaimed, **In the days of her affliction and roaming, Jerusalem remembers all her pleasant things That she had in the days of old. When her people fell into the hand of the enemy, With no one to help her, The adversaries saw her And mocked at her downfall.** Lamentation 1:7 אִיכָה. Jeremiah gave the sad reason for the destruction of the Temple in verse 8, **Jerusalem has sinned gravely, Therefore she has become vile. All who honoured her despise her because they have seen her nakedness; Yes, she sighs and turns away.**

While our people mourn the destruction of both Temples, they also pray for the Temple to be rebuilt. The future Messianic Temple will be built, but not before another calamity will come to pass upon the Jewish people. A third temple, the Tribulation Temple will be built in Jerusalem, and sadly, many in Israel will make a covenant with the false Messiah, that man of sin. He will brake his covenant and will commit the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet in Daniel 9:24-27, and by the apostle Shaul, Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4. The false Messiah will stand in the Tribulation Temple and claim to be God, he will dishonour the God of Israel, and will seek to destroy the people of Israel during those terrible Tribulation days. But, praise be to our faithful God, who has promised a great deliverance and salvation for His chosen people Israel, as Jeremiah proclaimed in his prophetic ministry, **Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.** Jeremiah 30:7. What a day that will be when Jacob, the people of Israel, will by faith, recognize the promised one of Israel, the Lord *Yeshua* / Jesus, the true Messiah and will trust in Him. **A nation be born at once.** Isaiah 66:8.

Until that glorious day, the day of Israel's national regeneration, we, who are believers in this present church age, are called to preach the gospel to all and everyone who are willing to listen to the Word of the Lord.

The destruction of the Solomonic Temple and Israel's subsequent expulsion to Babylon, fittingly,



is where we found ourselves during our last Friday evening Bible study, as we began with the introduction to the book of Daniel. Daniel is the book we will now be studying, as last week we concluded our 16 month long study of the book of Revelation. When we began the study of Revelation, we were faced with lockdowns due to COVID-19, thankfully the Lord helped us as we traversed our way around using Zoom. The study of the book of Revelation was extremely edifying to all of us, and many remarked at how helpful the study had been in understanding the order of events, which God provides in this incredibly instructive book. For those who are interested, some years ago, we compiled the study of Revelation in a book format, available [here](#).

The radio outreach ministry continues, for which we praise God and His grace, and with His help they continue to be a blessing. It was refreshing to receive some letters from one of our listeners, a believer from San Fransisco, California, who enjoys listening daily, to our Holy Scriptures and Israel Bible teaching program on the KDIA 1640 AM radio station. We enjoyed having the opportunity to speak together over the phone and

sharing a time of prayer, with this dear brother in our Lord *Yeshua* / Jesus the Messiah, who has some Jewish background. He expressed his love for God, for the people of Israel, and his appreciation for the bible teaching ministry taught from an Hebrew Messianic perspective, on the KDIA radio station in San Fransisco. We have joy in our hearts when we learn that the ministry of the Word of God is used by the Lord to be an encouragement to our listeners. To God be the glory! Please pray for this dear brother, and for all the listeners to our programs on the various radio stations in the USA and Canada.

We are thankful that the Lord allows us to connect and be in touch with those who turn to our Holy Scriptures and Israel Bible program through our [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) channels. Recently, we were contacted by a christian man from South Korea, thanking us for our video Bible teaching ministry. He had questions regarding the priesthood, the sacrifices, and the relationship of believers to the Lord today, during the church age. We were able to point this brother to the privileged position that we believers have during this present age, the priesthood of all believers. Pointing to the word of God written by the apostle who wrote in 1 Peter 2:5. **Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.** And again in 1 Peter 2:9. **But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.** These kind of contacts and conversations are doors of opportunity, whereby we can, using the scriptures, direct unbelievers and believers to the person of our Lord Jesus the Messiah.



Recently, we were invited to participate in a discussion panel, consisting of believers from various countries, called THE END OF DAYS, which is being aired on Global Vision TV, in Scotland. The purpose of the discussion panel, which is being aired in parts, is to help believers be aware of the deceptive influences that satan presents to the people of God, during the end of days. Not to allow satan who is called the god of this world, to deceive and influence believers with false teaching and practices. We began with the words of warning which the Lord Jesus



gave to His disciples on the Mount of Olives in Mathew 24:5, **And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you,** He continues to warn His disciples and says in verse 11, **And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.** Reading these verses, as well as others, and discussing them, we were challenged to be mindful of the

fact that satan seeks to draw believers in the Lord Jesus the Messiah away from God and His Word. Satan continues to do in this world what he did all along, from the time of the fall until THE END OF DAYS, he seeks to deceive the people of God by drawing them away from the Lord and His Word. You will be able to watch the first episode by using [this link](#). We value your prayers for this discussion panel, as we seek to be a help, and to encourage us all to turn to the Scriptures.

As we close our newsletter, Irene and I wish to thank you, dear brothers and sisters, for your prayers for us. May the Lord bless you and encourage your hearts in these days. **The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.** 2 Corinthians 13:14.

Please pray for:

- Our Jewish brethren, to come to faith in Yeshua the Messiah.
- The individuals with whom we have contact.
- The end of days discussion panel.
- The radio and website ministry.
- Our physical health.
- **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,

Gideon & Irene