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

These past weeks, as we've watched what is happening in Ukraine, our hearts are saddened and go out to the people of Ukraine, believers and unbelievers, who have lost family, livelihood, homes, and much more. Many are now homeless, separated from family members and are destitute. Some of our brothers and sisters who attend the outreach bible classes of the Holy Scriptures and Israel, have family in Ukraine and are greatly concerned for their safety. Sadly, the death toll is rising and many have become refugees. Our prayer is that our God will come in and stop the war, and that this storm in the lives of the Ukrainians will lead many to believe in the person and work of the Lord Jesus the Messiah.

We thank God for the many nations who are helping the Ukrainians, including Israel. My sister in Israel says they are preparing for the arrival of Jewish orphans in her area, as other Jewish and non Jewish people fleeing the war, are coming to Israel. Interestingly, there has been a rise among Russian Jews returning to their homeland as well. It is striking to see how rapidly things in the world are shifting, wars and rumours of wars, leading to the fulfillment of the plan of God. Two thousand years ago, during the public ministry of Yeshua, He taught His troubled disciples concerning the future that would come upon the world, the people of Israel, and the city of Jerusalem. Sitting on the Mount of Olives, overlooking the beloved city of Jerusalem, Yeshua warned His disciples of things to come saying, **...and ye shall hear of wars and rumours of**

wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. Matthew 24:6. Jesus the Messiah, though He became Man, yet He is the Sovereign God, who knows all things, working out His plan and program for the church, Israel, and for the whole world. **SOON will the Master come, soon pass away our times of conflict, grief, and suffering here. Our night of weeping end in cloudless day, and sorrow's moment like a dream appear. Eternity with Jesus in the skies. How soon that Sun of righteousness may rise.**

Irene and I are sustained as we continue on with the help of the Lord. The Holy Scriptures and Israel weekly bible classes continue well, praise God for the interest shown, not only locally but beyond. In our various Bible studies we have concluded our study of the gospel of John, and we are nearing the end of the book of Daniel, and in the middle of the most instructive book of Ephesians, for which we thank the Lord. We are presently looking to the Lord as to which books we should take up to study next.



Outline of Ephesians 4-6

The Walk of the Believer

Ephesians 4:1-16	Walk in Unity	henotēs	אַחְדוּת
Ephesians 4:17-5:17	Walk in Purity	hagneia	טְהוּרָה
Ephesians 5:18-6:9	Walk in Harmony	Ἀρμονία	הַתְאָמָה
Ephesians 6:10-24	Walk in Victory	Nikē	נִצְחון

Some months ago, I was approached by a small group of believers who were part of a congregation of Jewish and gentile believers in Ontario, who were scattered because of internal challenges and the effects of the Covid-19 virus. For a long while these dear believers were not being fed spiritually, as there was no one to minister the Word to them. They have requested my help, by way of ministering the Word of God to them. While the option of ministering the Word through Zoom is not the best, it is better than nothing. We would appreciate your prayers for this open door. With the help of the Lord, I will be sharing bi-weekly messages from the Scriptures with these believers, for their instruction and encouragement. Our prayer is that in time, the Lord will raise up from among them, exercised individuals who will do the work of the ministry. The people of God have many needs, our trust is in the Lord Jesus the Messiah. Paul reminded the Corinthians that while men fails, yet God is able. **Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God.** 2 Corinthians 3:5.

We continue with our radio and video outreach, praise God for the help which He provides.

Recently, we learned that individuals from Poland are benefitting from our video Bible teachings, as they have translated messages from the [Holy Scriptures and Israel YouTube channel](#) into Polish. We received this note from a person who wrote, "Thank you for your materials. I already translated both of your videos on the Jerusalem and the Roman roads to salvation to my Polish language for my Polish nation."

In due time, with the help of the Lord, we hope to provide our international audience, the ability to watch the Holy Scriptures and Israel Bible teaching videos in their own language, including Hebrew, using available translation tools. This all takes time, effort and the means, so we value your prayers for this endeavour.



We have nearly completed the video recordings for the series on the Parables of Jesus the Messiah, taken from the four gospels. The latest Parable which we have posted, the Parable of the Lost Son - מִשְׁלַּל הָבֶן - הָאֻבֵּד, is in three parts, presenting the gospel message, pointing to the love of God toward all sinners who need forgiveness, and to the joy in the presence of God over one sinner who repents. **But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and**

shoes on his feet. And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it, and let us eat, and be merry. For this my son was dead, and is alive again, he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. Luke 15:22-24. You will be able to view this by [clicking here](#).

This last week, the Jewish feast of **PURIM** - פּוּרִים was celebrated around the world. Each year **PURIM** falls on the 14th of the Hebrew month of ADAR, which is in March/April. PURIM commemorates the biblical account of the deliverance of our Jewish people from the hand of Haman the Agagite of Amalek, whom the Persian king Ahasuerus promoted. According to the book of Esther, Haman sought to kill the entire Jewish population, young and old, men and women. In Esther 3:13 we read. **And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey.** Yet, our Sovereign God who's name is not mentioned in the book of Esther, preserved His people Israel from the hand of their enemy. How wonderful to know that God is faithful to His Word, He will fulfill to the letter, His plan, program, and purpose. The book of Esther closes on a joyful note, **As the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor.** Esther 9:22. May the Lord hasten the day when our Lord Jesus the Messiah will have His rightful place, and bring true Shalom to this needy world.

There is a moving hymn which we sing, that directs our hearts to our Redeemer, Jesus the Messiah. **From every stormy wind that blows, from every swelling tide of woes, there is a calm, a sweet retreat—tis found before the mercy seat. There is a place where mercy sheds, the oil of gladness on our heads, a place than all besides more sweet, it is the heavenly mercy seat.** Praise God, that we, who are redeemed, have full access to our mercy seat, Yeshua / Jesus the Messiah. The mercy seat, which is mentioned some twenty times in the Hebrew Scriptures, beginning in Exodus 25:27-28, is the lid that covered the Ark of the Covenant in the Tabernacle. The two words mercy-seat, are actually one Hebrew word. **KAPORET** - כַּפֹּרֶת, meaning, to atone, to cover, to forgive. It was there, where the Ark stood, covered by the lid and between the two cherubim, that our Holy God met with His people Israel,

on the basis of the shed blood of the sacrifice. It is there, at the mercy-seat, **KAPORET** - כַּפֹּרֶת. that we, also, on the basis of the shed blood of our Redeemer, Jesus the Messiah, can find calm and true Shalom from the storms of life. Until the Lord will come and take us to be with Himself forever. Praise God for this sure hope.



Once again, we thank you dear brothers and sisters for your love, prayers, and support of Irene and me and the ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. **Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.** 2 Corinthians 1:11.

Please pray for:

- The suffering people of Ukraine.
- The Holy Scriptures and Israel.
- The radio outreach ministry.
- The website outreach ministry.
- The weekly Bible Classes.
- The upcoming weddings.
- The elderly and sick among us.
- The needed grace and strength.
- **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