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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 "וַיֹּעַן וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר-יְהוָה אֶל-זְרֻבְבָּל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחֵיל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אֶמֶר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

As we approach the time of the feast of Passover - פֶּסַח, is observed by our people, our hearts are burdened and our prayers go out to God for the salvation of our Jewish brethren, as well as our own family, who will be sitting around the Passover table, recollecting one of the most important events that took place in the history of our people Israel. This unparalleled event of redemption which is called Passover - פֶּסַח, was to be kept from generation to generation, as commanded by God to Israel. **And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.** Exodus 12:14. Passover took place some 3500 years ago. By faith in God, our forefathers, the Hebrews, were redeemed from slavery by obeying His command to kill an unblemished lamb and apply its blood on the door posts of their homes. God commanded them saying, **And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.** Exodus 12:7. By simply obeying the Word of the Lord, our forefathers the Hebrews, were delivered from the judgment that fell on Pharaoh, his people and his land. **And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.** Exodus 12:13. Please see a video link to the Passover presentation.



This historical event of the Passover - פֶּסַח, pointed Israel to a far greater event of redemption which would take place in the future, when Yeshua / Jesus our promised Messiah would come into this world, in order to become the Lamb of God. As the Lamb of God, he would offer Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world, redeeming all who would believe on Him from a far greater bondage, the bondage to sin and judgment. Of that promised Messiah, Isaiah wrote saying, **All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.** Isaiah 53:6-7, and John the Baptizer proclaimed, **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.** John 1:29B. How wonderful, that we, who are believers, can proclaim that Messiah our passover is sacrificed for us. 1 Corinthians 5:7B.

In the will of the Lord, we, at the Holy Scriptures and Israel outreach ministry, are scheduled to host over Zoom, a virtual presentation of **Messiah in the Passover - מָשִׁיחַ בְּפֶסַח**. The presentation, pointing to Jesus the Messiah, is for both Jews and non Jews, all are welcome to attend. Lord willing, the live presentation will be on Saturday / Shabbat afternoon, April the 23rd, at 1:00 pm, Should you wish to receive an invitation link, please send your e-mail address and full name to this address, gideon@holyscripturesandisrael.com

During our Holy Scriptures and Israel weekly Bible classes, we have begun to study the prophecy of Malachi, who ministered to the returning remnant of Israel. Although the people were back in the land, and the temple was rebuilt, they once again failed to obey God. Sadly, Israel fell back into an outward form of worship, without an inward relationship. God was not pleased with His people, who sadly doubted the love of God for them, saying, **Wherein hast thou loved us.** Malachi 1:2B. These words written by Malachi, challenge all of us, as do the warnings that the apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, concerning the latter days of the church age saying, **This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves. Paul further continues to say that among the professing church, men will be lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God. Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof.** 2 Timothy 3:1-5.

We are thankful to learn that there is interest by believers from around the world, to study the scriptures together with us during our Holy Scriptures and Israel Bible classes over zoom. We

have some new recent participants from the Philippines and they have just forwarded a list of others from the Philippines who would like to join the Bible studies. We are thankful for this open door and pray that the Lord will guide in all this. Please pray with us for these new students of the Word, that they will grow in their knowledge of the person of our Lord Yeshua / Jesus the Messiah.



Recently, we received an encouraging call from one of the families, who are part of the outreach ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. Bogdan, Anca, and their daughter Sarah called, reminding us of a special day in their lives, exactly seven years earlier, March 21, 2015, the day on which I was privileged to baptize Anca and Sarah unto the name of our Lord Yeshua / Jesus the Messiah. Some months later, it was a blessing to baptize our brother Bogdan as well. We, and all our brothers and sisters are encouraged when we observe how our Lord Yeshua is using His word in order to build up those who seek to follow Him. This wonderful testimony is for the glory of God and we are thankful to Jesus our Messiah for that. Now, seven years later, we are blessed to see how young sister Sarah is growing in following her Lord Yeshua / Jesus. **But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. 2 Peter 3:18.**

Irene and I were privileged to host in our home the wedding ceremony of brother Alfred Bouter and Gracie Borelli. We felt the gracious help of the Lord in all of the details, for which we are thankful. Our prayer is that the Lord will bless Alfred and Gracie as they will continue to serve the Lord among the people of God. Please remember Alfred and Gracie in your prayers.



Dear brothers and sisters, we appreciate your prayers and your practical support of Irene, myself, our family, and the ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. Your faithful prayers and support are an encouragement to us, strengthening us to continue on with the ministry among the Jewish people and with all those whom we are in contact with. The Apostle Shaul / Paul, valued prayer and therefore he charged the believers in Ephesus to never cease from turning to God in prayer. He wrote to the brethren saying, **Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.** Ephesians 6:18.

Please pray for:

- The Holy Scriptures and Israel ministry.
- The weekly zoom Bible studies.
- The [radio outreach](#) ministry.
- The [video outreach](#) ministry.
- The ones who edit our Bible messages.
- The Jewish people during this Passover.
- The needed encouragement for the Jewish believers.
- The elderly and sick among us.
- The blessing of the Lord for Alfred and Gracie Bouter.
- The blessing of the Lord for Bogdan, Anca and Sarah.
- **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

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