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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־זְרְבָבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחֵיל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם־בְּרוּחִי אֶמֶר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

In light of current events, we often hear people say, "everything is just falling apart", yet, in reality, if one stops to think, everything is actually falling into place. According to the Word of God, we who are believers in **Yeshua** are assured that the return of our Lord Jesus the Messiah is drawing near. Believers in the present church age will be raptured to meet Him in the air, 1 Thessalonians 5:13-18.

Restored Israel will see, and receive Jesus the Messiah at the end of Jacobs trouble, and they will enter into the blessing of the Messianic Kingdom with Him. When teaching on the terrible days of Jacobs trouble / the tribulation, The Lord Jesus assured His disciples that He would return after His death and resurrection, saying, **And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.** Matthew 24:30. The apostle John wrote of that same event in Revelation 1:7, **Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.** Praise God for this promise of His sure return!

While we are writing this newsletter, we suddenly got a text message from our dear brother Lance, back in California. He sent a little clip of us together at Pine Valley Bible Camp, at the



gospel meeting, we are singing the last stanza from the hymn How Great Thou Art. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I will bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim my God how great Thou art... I thought to myself, how fitting these words were for our newsletter, expressing what we had just written, looking forward to the day that the Lord will come and take us all home. You can watch this little clip here.

As we await the return of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, we are thankful for His goodness and grace as He enables us to serve Him. The recordings on the Parables of Jesus, found in the gospels, has been completed and are ready. We trust that this series will benefit those who watch and listen, especially our Jewish audience, whom we seek to reach with the gospel message. <https://youtube.com/holyscripturesandisrael> Today, many are searching for spiritual truths and understanding as to who **Yeshua** is. Jesus the Messiah taught spiritual truths using parables, concerning His first coming to be a sacrifice for the sin of the world, and His second coming to become the king of Israel and of the whole world. In the Parable of the good Samaritan, found in Luke 10:30-42, we learn of the grace of our Messiah, who came to where we were, poor, lost, undone sinners. We are represented by the man who fell among thieves, who was stripped and wounded, then left half dead. After binding up his wounds, the good Samaritan took the man to an inn, then we read these wonderful words, **And on the morrow, when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.** Luke 10:35. Praise God, our Lord Jesus is coming again.



You may remember that we sent out a prayer request for Edward, the husband of Irena, a Holocaust survivor. Thank you all for your prayers, they were greatly appreciated by Irena and the family. Sadly, Edward has since passed away. Edward heard the message of the gospel from His wife Irena many times, only the Lord who searches the heart, knows if Edward came to believe in his Messiah **Yeshua**, our hope is that he did. The graveside service was God

honouring, those in attendance were both Jews and Gentiles, some of them were believers. The scripture reading was taken from Psalm 23 and John 14:1-6. In John we read how the Lord comforted His disciples when He said to them, **Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.** Jesus the Messiah promised that He is preparing a place in heaven, for all who believe in Him, and is coming again to receive them unto Himself. In John 14:6, He proclaimed, **I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.** As the simple message of the gospel was presented, we trust that God, by the Holy Spirit will work in the heart of each person who attended the funeral service. Recently, we also requested prayer for brother Hans, who is in the hospital for rehabilitation. Please continue to pray for our brother and his family as they deal with his current health situation.

While we do continue to be occupied with ministry responsibilities, we are happy for the times we can just enjoy being together with our family. We recently enjoyed a great day together with our sons, Shalom, Yoav and Nathaniel, as we got together for my birthday. Irene prepared my favourite Israeli dishes which we all enjoyed. Yes, we are all getting older, yet we are blessed to be redeemed by our Lord Yeshua, born again by the Holy Spirit, and having eternal hope to be with our Messiah and the redeemed in glory. Speaking of getting older, we were recently sent this picture, going back some twenty years or so. It brought back many memories, great memories of the blessing of the Lord in our lives.



In the will of the Lord, should He tarry, and if there are no hindrances, we will be leading two Bible teaching trips, one in October and one in November. The first one, **The footsteps of the apostle Paul**, is set for October 1-12, 2022, we will be visiting biblical locations in Asia Minor, following the footsteps of the apostle Paul as he presented the gospel. The second tour, **Israel the Land of the Bible**, is set for November 3-13, 2022, we will be visiting Jerusalem, Galilee and much more, as we walk in some of the footsteps of our Messiah **Yeshua**. As always, we will be opening the scriptures and learning from the Word of God as we visit the sites. Should you wish to receive information and a brochure please connect with us at gideon@holyscripturesandisrael.com

Our international zoom outreach bible study with believers from around the world continues well. We are encouraged with the interest that is shown by those who attend the meetings. Our desire is for the Lord to use this part of our outreach to benefit all who attend the bible classes, that they would be encouraged, especially those who otherwise might be unable to attend, such as the elderly, those that are unwell or are isolated because of location. We believe that the Lord is using these meetings to provide spiritual food, which is so needful for every believer. We are reminded of the word of Malachi the prophet, to His people Israel during days of decline, reminding the ones who talked of God, that He does care for them. We read in Malachi 3:16, **Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.** While we cannot personally see every believer, we are privileged to use the means which God provides for reaching out to others. We are blessed with the responses and the contacts that we receive from our Holy Scriptures and Israel international outreach.

For those who pray for us and support us, we wish to say thank you, as your prayers and support assists in this ministry. Soon our Lord Jesus the Messiah will return, and we will be with Him for time and for eternity. Until that day, our hearts need to be occupied with Him. The words of the hymn I AM WAITING FOR THEE LORD speaks to our hearts when we sing these words, **I am waiting for Thee, Lord, Thy beauty to see, Lord, I am waiting for Thee, For Thy coming again. Thou art gone over there, Lord, A place to prepare, Lord, Thy home I shall share, At Thy coming again.** Praise God for this blessed hope.

Please pray for:

- Irena and Rejeanne who's husbands passed away
- Norma, who's mother passed away
- Hans who is in the hospital
- Esther who is not well
- The radio and video outreach
- The zoom bible classes of Holy Scriptures and Israel
- The spiritual and physical health of Irene and me
- **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,

Aileen & 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