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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 are happy for another opportunity to share with you, some of what the Lord has laid on our hearts, as we seek to serve Him and His people. We appreciate your faithful prayers for us and the outreach of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. Paul wrote to the believers in Corinth saying, **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.



This year, the sixth of August, was the 9th day of Av, according to the Hebrew calendar. That day, is a day marked in the history of Israel as one of the saddest days, on that day, the Jewish people mourn over the destruction of the Solomonic Temple by the Babylonians in 586 B.C., Nebuchadnezzar and his army were sent by God to destroy the city of Jerusalem, they burnt the Temple of God, and carried away many of the

Jews to Babylon. Since then, the day of Tisha B'Av (תשעה באב), became a day of mourning and fasting for Jews worldwide. It is a day where our people acknowledge that their sin, and their turning away from God had resulted in their punishment. Historically, Israel experienced many catastrophes on that very same day, the 9th of Av, including the destruction of the second Temple by the Romans in the year 70 A.D. In 2 Kings 25:8-11 we read, **And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem: And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire. And all the army of the Chaldees, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about. Now the rest of the people that were left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carry away.** It is during such days of weeping and fasting, that we, who are believers in Jesus the Messiah, are called to point the Jewish people to God, and to His provision of forgiveness, to those who will repent and believe in the person of Jesus the Messiah. We have prepared a message dealing with Tisha B'Av which can be heard here: <https://www.youtube.com/c/HolyScripturesandIsrael/videos>

Over the years, during our ministry in the work of the Lord, Irene and I have been blessed, along with other brethren, in reaching out to the young people in our assemblies. It has been a privilege and joy to minister in various young peoples meetings, outreaches, Bible camps, etc. We missed being with the brethren and young people at Pine Valley Bible camp this summer, but the Lord allowed this, and we were happy to hear how the Lord had blessed all those in attendance. Recently, we were blessed to be with the young people from the Willowdale assembly in Toronto for a time of ministry. It was encouraging to see them actively involved and going on for the Lord in this world that rejects Him. It was also good to be with the brethren for the remembrance meeting the following day.



With the help of the Lord, we were able to have an in-person fellowship meeting in Toronto, with some of our brothers and sisters from the Holy Scriptures and Israel outreach Bible fellowship. We enjoyed a time of singing and ministry from the Word of God. It was encouraging for us all, to be together physically, after such a long time. We were reminded of the love of God, who provided for us His Son, the Messiah, who gave Himself for ungodly sinners, who were His

enemies. We read the passage from Romans 5:6,8,10. **For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.** Please remember to pray for the believers who are part of our Holy Scriptures and Israel outreach fellowship, that the Lord *Yeshua* will strengthen their faith and help them to continue-on in following after Him.



In the will of the Lord, we will be leading two Bible teaching tours, to Israel and Asia Minor, one in October and the other in November. The first will be, **THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL, JOURNEY TO GREECE & TURKEY** (October 1-12, 2022), and the second will be, **ISRAEL THE LAND OF THE BIBLE** (November 3-13, 2022). If you are interested in joining us on the November tour, please contact [gideon@holyscripturesandisrael.com](mailto:gideon@holyscripturesandisrael.com).



We value your prayers for us, and for those who will be with us, for safety, as well as good health. As the Word of God is central to each tour, we, as believers are encouraged and can only draw closer to the person of our Lord Jesus the Messiah. We are also looking forward to seeing our family in Jerusalem and elsewhere in Israel. Our aunt Mazal who lives in Jerusalem, is nearly 100 years old. Please pray for her and for all our family, that our Lord *Yeshua* will open their spiritual understanding, as He will do to the whole nation in the future. The apostle Shaul / Paul had this same burden for His people Israel saying. **For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:** Romans 11:25-26.

We wish you the blessings of the Lord dear brothers and sisters, thank you for your love, prayers and support for us and the ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. **Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.** Revelation 1:5b-6

**Please pray for:**

- Holy Scriptures and Israel radio outreach.
- Holy Scriptures and Israel video outreach.
- Our Zoom International weekly Bible classes.
- The elderly believers among us.
- The needs of believers who are sick.
- **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