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

As we observe the events taking place in the world today, may we find comfort in the promises God gives us in His Word. The Word of God clearly shows us that it is God, and God alone who can fix the chaos in this world, and not man. Why? Because, since the fall of Adam and Eve, in the garden of Eden, all of us, the descendants of Adam and Eve, have inherited a depraved sinful nature. It is no wonder that God could say of us fallen creatures, in Genesis 6:5, **And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.** The word continually, in its original Hebrew language means, **All the day long**, כָּל־הַיּוֹם.

May God help us to remember to continuously give thanks and praise to Him for His provision of forgiveness to us all, who trust in the person, and the work of God the Son, our Lord Yeshua, Jesus the Messiah. We read of Him in John 1:29; **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.** After He gave Himself as a sacrifice for the sin of the world, we read; **Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.** Philippians 2:9 Thus, fulfilling the words of king David in Psalm 110:1b; **Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.**

Soon our Master will come and take His rightful place in this world. **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. Revelation 1:7.



In the last couple of weeks Irene and I have attended three funeral services, two of which I took part in. We praise God that all three individuals were believers in the Lord Jesus the Messiah, and have been ushered into the presence of their Lord. Janet and Gladys while here with us, faithfully attended the Bible classes of the Holy Scriptures and Israel with their husbands, Harry and Ron. We are thankful for their steadfast walk with the Lord Jesus the Messiah, their love for the Lord and His Word, and the example they have been to us all.

Gladys and Janet with their husbands had a concern for the Jewish people and the outreach ministry to the Jews, and for their salvation. Over the years, we have sat together along with other believers studying the word of God, seeking to grow in the knowledge of the truth. Just as Paul encouraged Timothy to do, **Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.** 2 Timothy 2:15. We have such fond memories of the times we spent together with them at our Holy Scriptures and Israel weekly Bible classes in Toronto. Please remember our brothers Harry and Ron in your prayers, as they feel the void their loved ones are leaving behind.



For the last month we have been working on recording messages on the book of 1 Corinthians for airing on the radio stations. Interestingly, while we were in the midst of our recordings, we were approached by one of the station managers requesting any messages we had on the theme of Communion, the Remembrance of the Lord Jesus the Messiah in His death and resurrection. They are looking to air messages on the subject of the Remembrance of the Lord, for the benefit of their listening audience. We were glad to be able to provide them with recordings on 1 Corinthians 10 and 11, we pray that the Lord will use it for His glory. You will be able to listen to some of these radio messages on our [website](#).

We recently received an encouraging e-mail from a sister who listens to the Holy Scriptures and Israel radio program. Here is an excerpt from her e-mail. *if you will allow me to be sentimental, in the small town where I live, few Christians speak of Jerusalem and Israel. For me, I am filled with joy when I cry out, Lord Yeshua. And yes, Psalm 122:6 is a command. Moreover, how can I not pray for and love Jerusalem when it is the only place for which our beloved Saviour has cried... I am thankful for your painstaking persistence in helping people to truly appreciate who and what Christ is.*

As to our Bible classes over Zoom and our YouTube video recordings, we praise God for all that He is doing. The Lord blesses His Word which is the source of encouragement for His people. Lately, we began the study of the prophet Jonah, a servant who disobeyed God by fleeing from the presence of the Lord, by going to Tarshish. Presently, we are only in the first chapter, but knowing the end of the story, we are thankful that our God is a God of grace, the God of second chances. In the life of Jonah, we see our very own failure, and the need for the grace of God each day. On the other hand, through Jonah, we learn of the care God has for all people. We also learn from the prayers of Jonah, that he knew his God. Speaking to God, Jonah said, **I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.** Jonah 4:2b. How good to know that our God is a gracious and merciful God who is slow to anger and of great kindness. You can listen to and watch these bible class messages once you subscribe to the [Holy Scriptures and Israel YouTube channel](#).



Irene and I were blessed to be with the young people in the Toronto Willowdale assembly for part of the CORE conference. It was encouraging to see a good-sized group of young people in attendance and to share with them the message of the gospel. Our Lord Jesus the Messiah, who entered into this world by becoming a Man, and as a Man dying for the sins of the world. **And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as**

of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14. How important for us to understand this wonderful truth, that God became a Man so that He would be punished in our stead. God was satisfied with His work and raised Him from the dead for our justification. **Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.** Romans 4:25

Although, we could only take part on Friday evening, we pray that those who attended the rest of the conference on Saturday and Sunday were encouraged and blessed by the ministry from our brother Tim Hadley as he shared the Word.

We want to thank you dear brothers and sisters, for your prayers for us, and for the outreach ministry to the Jewish people. Your interest, love and prayers for Israel and the Jewish people is greatly valued. We thank God that during these days of the church age, God is calling out a people for Himself today, out of Israel and from the nations of the world, just as James declared in the city of Jerusalem some 2000 years ago, saying, **Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.** Acts 15:14. Also as Paul wrote to the Roman assembly regarding the believers from the nation of Israel saying, **Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.** Romans 11:5. We thank God for bringing each of us today, to be part of His redeemed people.

May the Lord bless you dear brethren.

Please pray for:

- Our brothers Harry and Ron who's wives passed away.
- The Holy Scriptures and Israel radio listeners.
- The Lord to bless the ministry to the young people.
- The Jewish people who search for the Messiah.
- **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,

G. 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