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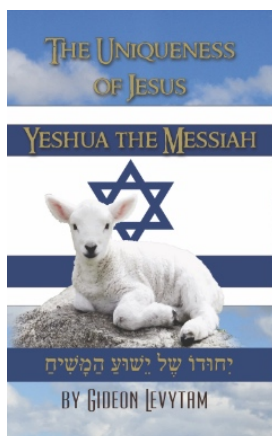
Dear brothers and sisters in Messiah,

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 "וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר יְהוָה אֶל-זְרֻבָּבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בִמְיֹל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

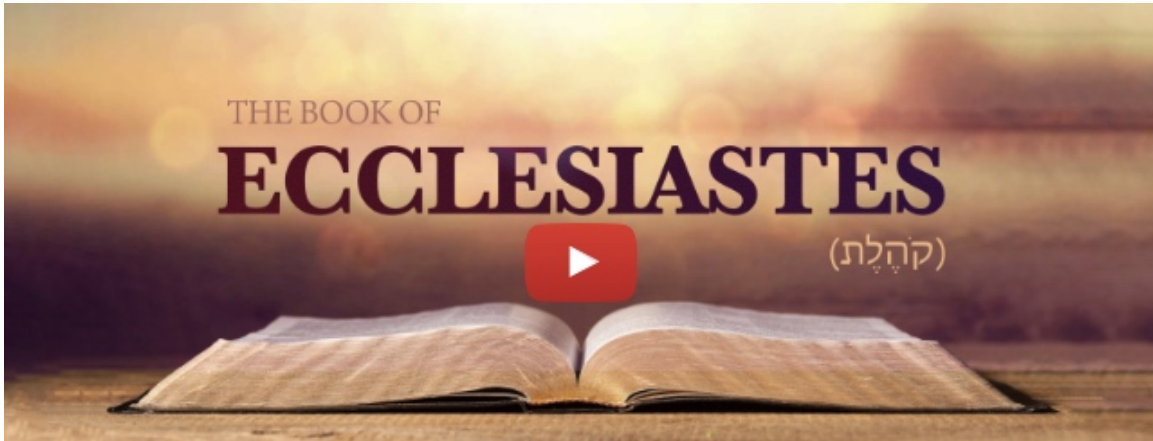
We thank the Lord for His sustaining grace, as He continues to strengthen and encourage us in this ministry through His Word, and also through His people. We are reminded of these words of encouragement given by a brother in ministry many years ago and they have always remained with us. When we look around us we get discouraged, when we look within us we get disappointed, but, when we look up at our Lord Jesus the Messiah, we get delighted. Although things in the world around us are very disheartening, yet, we are called to lean hard on our loving God, and on our Lord Jesus the Messiah. **Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.** Hebrews 12:12-13.



In light of this healthy advise which we received, the Lord laid on our heart some years ago to produce a booklet titled, the uniqueness of Jesus, Yeshua the Messiah. It is always good for us to be reminded that in contrast to all others, Yeshua - Jesus is above all, He is God the Son, the lover of our souls. By His sacrificial death and resurrection, He became our Messiah, Saviour, and Lord. It is extremely important to understand this very truth of the uniqueness of Jesus, there is none like Him, as He is above all others. Thankfully, the Lord has used this booklet for an encouragement to those who read it, although it is geared to speak to our Jewish people, it is beneficial to all. The booklet can be found on the [website of the Holy Scriptures and Israel](https://www.holy Scriptures and Israel.org).

Recently, we began posting on the Holy Scriptures and Israel YouTube channel, the study on the book of Ecclesiastes, which we studied on Saturdays over Zoom. We praise God for His help during these

meetings. Together, we learned from the wise council of king Solomon, which he shared with Israel later on in his life, after he had confessed his failure. Solomon questioned the meaning and the purpose of life saying, **Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities, all is vanity.** He continues with the question, **what profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun?** Ecclesiastes 1:2-3. Throughout the book of Ecclesiastes Solomon provides us with good helpful council, by answering his own questions. For those who wish to listen to the introductory message, please use [this link](#).



During our weekly Friday Bible classes we have begun the study of the prophecy of Zechariah. Our study has been well received and the attendance over zoom is good and appreciated. Zechariah is encouraging the small group of Jews who had returned to their land and to the city of Jerusalem, who due to opposition from without, and from within, had stopped building the House of the Lord. Zechariah is seeking to encourage them from the Word of the LORD sharing the many visions he had received from the Lord, providing them with a large number of Messianic prophecies. Prophecies that predicted the coming of the Messiah, once to suffer and to die, and His coming again to reign and rule over His people and the whole world from Jerusalem. We read in chapter 14:9, **And the LORD shall be king over all the earth, in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.**

We are always encouraged to hear from listeners to our Holy Scriptures and Israel radio Bible teaching programs. This letter just came to us recently from a lady who listens to our program on WDCX in Buffalo, NY., *"I have been listening to the program, on WDCX 99.5 FM, I find the teaching of the scriptures from Messianic perspective very uplifting, and blessing. I am not Jewish but know of a Jewish family of whom I am a friend. They are not orthodox Jews but go to Synagogue and observe the traditions. The husband is from Israel. I would so love for this family to come to a knowledge of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and I pray for them."* Also, a believer who listens to our Bible teaching program on YouTube in South Africa wrote on our Holy Scriptures and Israel YouTube channel, *"I love this, I also listen on EFM Radio Namibia. Also because God is really putting Ephesians 6:18 on my heart right now. Thank you."* Another encouraging letter came from a brother who listens to our program on KDIA radio in San Francisco, who wrote, *"I am going through the gospel of Mark with you now on the radio every week night at 7:30 pm on the [KDIA station](#)."* How thankful we are to receive these encouraging words.

Earlier this month we held our in-person meeting in Toronto, enjoying a time of ministry from the Word of God, as well as a time of fellowship together. We learned how Paul in his 2nd letter to the Corinthians, opens up his heart to the Corinthians. Paul speaks of the mercy that was extended to him by God, **"Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not."** 2 Corinthians 4:1. Paul then encourages the believers to depend on the grace and the mercy of God as they minister the gospel to a lost world. To listen to the message use [this link](#), then use this passcode: Ck5u==Bc



We can hardly believe that within a few weeks we will be leaving for our trip to the land of Israel. We will be visiting many of the well-known biblical sites while reading the various accounts from scripture. One is always amazed to be able to put a visual onto those bible stories that we have known from our youth. Following the tour we will have some time to spend visiting with our family. We trust and pray that the Lord will give us an opportunity to share the message of the gospel of Yeshua the Messiah with our people. One needs much wisdom, grace, and patience from the Lord. Please pray for us, for the safety and health of our group, and for the Jewish and Arab believers in the land, as well as our family.

Thank you to all those who have been praying for our sister Patricia Rutherford. The Lord has seen fit to take our sister home to Himself. Although our hearts are sad, we are thankful that Patricia is freed from her pain, never to suffer again, and is now in heaven with her Lord Yeshua / Jesus, who loves her and gave Himself for her. Will you please remember David in your prayers, that the God of all Comfort will comfort his heart and give him the peace that passeth understanding. Paul encouraged us to pray... **let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.** Philippians 4:6b-7.



A memorial service will be held for Patricia on Thursday, June 29, 2023. It will be held at the Mount Pleasant Funeral Centre, 375 Mount Pleasant Road Toronto, ON M4T 2V8. Visitation will be at 10:30 a.m. with the memorial service following at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel. Immediately following the service a reception will be held from 12 noon - 2:00 p.m. For those who are unable to attend in person, approximately 15 minutes prior to the service, a zoom link will be posted to [Patricia's page](#).

Irene and I do appreciate your faithful prayers and support for us in the work of the Lord among the Jewish people. We are also thankful for the grace which the Lord gives us in order to continue sharing the Word of God, over the radio, video, website, and in person. Our confidence is in God and in His promise. **So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.** Isaiah 55:11.

#### Please pray for:

- David Rutherford
- The Memorial service of Patricia Rutherford
- The Radio and Video outreach
- The Weekly Zoom Bible classes
- The Outreach of the Holy Scriptures and Israel
- The trip to Israel

- The needed physical and spiritual strength
- The salvation of family members
- **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

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