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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-זֵרְבָבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחֵיל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

As another year draws to a close and we reflect on the many changes that have taken place, we know that our God never changes, He is the same, He changes not, and He is faithful to His word. There is a verse that comes to mind which is found in 1st Samuel 7, Samuel's prayer to God for Israel's deliverance from the hands of their enemies, the Philistines. Samuel reminded the people of the faithfulness of God, in verse 12 we read, **Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.** Praise God for watching over His own. We believers in Jesus the Messiah along with Samuel can also say, Hitherto hath the LORD Jesus our Messiah helped us through this last year of 2023.

We recently concluded the season when our family and the Jewish world celebrated the feast of Hanukkah. While Hanukkah is not one of the Seven Feasts of the LORD, found in Leviticus 23, yet the feast of Hanukkah is an important event to remember. It took place in the history of our people who were oppressed during the rule of the Grecian empire. Daniel prophesied of this in chapters 8:9-14 and 11:21-35, when King Antiochus IV Epiphanes, the Greek Hellenistic king of Syria ruled the Seleucid Empire from 175 BC until his death in 164 BC. The evil king Antiochus, was a foreshadow of the antichrist, he wanted the Jewish people to worship him as a god. He captured Jerusalem in 167 BC, then he desecrated the Temple by offering the sacrifice of a pig on the altar to Zeus. Antiochus committed the Abomination of Desolation, foreshadowing what

the antichrist will do during the tribulation. He also prohibited the Jewish people from following God and sought to Hellenize all the Jews. Antiochus forbade the Jews to practice their God given instructions and commanded that copies of the Torah, the Word of God, be burnt. We read of Antiochus, **Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.** Daniel 8:11.



It is amazing dear brothers and sisters that in every generation, whether in the history of Israel, or the history of the church, that God raises up a godly testimony, those who do not follow the ungodly decrees, such as those of King Antiochus. The family of Mattathias the Hasmonean, and his five sons, along with many others in Israel, resisted the Grecian-Syrian king and his army, and with the help of God, miraculously succeeded in causing the Grecian-Syrian army to flee. They then cleansed the desecrated Temple in Jerusalem, and re-dedicated the Temple to God. In Hebrew the word Hanukkah means dedication. For us who are believers in Jesus the Messiah, the feast of Hanukkah speaks volumes, because it was to this re-dedicated Temple in Jerusalem that our Lord Jesus the Messiah was brought by His parents, to be presented before God. In the gospel of Luke we read of an aged Jewish man called Simon, who was waiting for the consolation of Israel. It was revealed to him, by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death, before he would see the Messiah, Whom the LORD promised to send. It was then that we read, **And he came by the Spirit into the temple. and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law.** Luke 2:28.



As always, we were blessed to once again have our Holy Scriptures and Israel in-person meeting in Toronto. The attendance was very good and we were encouraged by the reading of the Word of God, and by the presence of each brother and sister. It was also good to see some of our Jewish friends, who as yet have not accepted Yeshua as their Messiah and Lord, but are willing to be with us at the meeting and listen to the Word of God. Please remember them in your prayers, that they may come to a saving knowledge of who Yeshua,

Jesus is. In John 10:27-28 we read. **My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.** You may listen to the message which was recorded over zoom by using [this link](#) and passcode (1#7UR&aL).

Our on-going weekly bible classes through zoom continue on very well. As you know, there is always a core group who are faithful in attending the meetings. These dear brothers and sisters, young and old, Jews and non Jews, join our zoom bible studies from various countries, states,

provinces and cities. Eagerly and joyfully our brothers and sisters are ready for the study of the scriptures, and together we all are encouraged. It brings to mind David, the king of Israel, though he was not without failure, in his prayer to God he said, **O how I love thy law! it is my meditation all the day.** Psalm 119:97.

Our three weekly Bible studies take place on Fridays and Saturdays and presently we are studying the books of Romans, Zechariah and Revelation. As we read the passages and follow through verse by verse, we seek to see what the Lord wants to teach us. We praise God for His help during these studies, realizing that the theme of the Word of God is the person of Jesus the Messiah, of whom we read... **in the volume of the book it is written of me.** Psalm 40:7 and again, **for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.** Revelation 19:10b.

The radio ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel is moving along well, please continue to pray for us and for the radio outreach. While we have recorded many messages over the years on quite a number of books of the Bible for our radio outreach, we continue to work on recording new messages on books of the Bible which we have not recorded as yet. With the help of the Lord, we have just begun recording studies on the gospel of Matthew.

These are the radio stations where the Holy Scriptures and Israel ministry is aired on. In the USA, Canada and South Africa:

JOY radio in Oakville, Ontario, Canada - <https://www.joyradio.ca>
FAITH radio in London, Ontario, Canada - <https://london.faithfm.org>
WDCX radio in Buffalo NY, USA - <http://www.wdcxradio.com>
KDIA radio in San Fransisco, California, USA - <https://kdia.com>
THE WORD radio in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA - <https://wnwrtheword.com/>
EFM radio in Namibia, South Africa - <https://efmnam.wordpress.com/>

Also, these are the international websites where the Holy Scriptures and Israel Bible teachings are posted:

Holy Scriptures and Israel - <https://www.holyscripturesandisrael.com>
One Place - <https://www.oneplace.com/ministries/the-holy-scriptures-and-israel/>
Sermon Audio - https://www.sermonaudio.com/source_detail.asp?sourceid=holyscripturesand
Trans World Radio - <https://www.twr360.org/ministry/375/holy-scriptures-and-israel>

These are the Youtube and Facebook channels of the Holy Scriptures and Israel:

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/holyscripturesandisrael>
Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/holyscripturesandisrael>



Should the Lord delay His return, and we are here to see the end of the year 2023, we can say that we are thankful for the grace whereby our God has provided for us throughout this year. We have experienced the love of our Messiah for us, each and every day. Irene and I are blessed by the LORD in that He has privileged us, in calling us to take a little part in His great service. Sharing the message of the gospel with those whom He sends our way,

bearing in mind the word of God to Israel through Isaiah the prophet 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.** Isaiah 53:6. Praise God for His great salvation!

We wish to thank you dear brothers and sisters for faithfully praying for us this past year. We also appreciate your practical support of us in the work of the Lord among the Jewish people and in the outreach ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. Please remember in prayer the Jewish people world-wide and the nation of Israel during these days as a war is still going on against the terror organization Hamas. May God open the hearts of many people during these days, both Jews and Gentiles, and bring them to Himself through faith to find forgiveness and salvation that is in the person of the Lord Jesus the Messiah. May many do so before it will be too late. **And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.** Revelation 22:17.

May God bless you and your families, may you have a blessed and a happy New Year. The Lord is coming soon, **I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.** John 14:3b.

Please pray for:

- The ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel
- The radio outreach through the various stations
- The grace and clarity in recordings of new Bible messages
- The international group who attend our zoom Bible classes
- The outreach through our Youtube and Facebook channels
- The spiritual growth of the believers in our fellowship
- The salvation of the Jewish individuals with whom we are in touch
- The brothers and sisters who assist in the ministry
- The health and strength that we need as we continue on
- **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