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

We trust that this newsletter finds you well and sustained by the grace of God. We were recently encouraged with the words which the apostle Simon Peter wrote to his brethren in his second letter - **"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."** 2 Peter 3:18. Such was the council that Peter gave to his brethren in their days, and this is the very same good advice which we need during our days, as we continue-on, following the Lord Jesus the Messiah.

We are very much aware of the grace of God, shown to us these many years, in the outreach ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. One important aspect of our outreach has been the various Bible classes we hold weekly. We were reminded that this week marks four years since Covid-19 hit us in March 2020, and we were forced to make some personal and ministry changes. The Lord has sustained us, and the ministry to His people, during this time, as we continue learning together the word of God over zoom and in person. With the Lord's help we have been able to reach more people, whether closer to home or internationally, and together we continue to enjoy the study of God's word. **"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."** 2 Timothy 2:15.

The faithfulness of those attending the Bible classes has been most encouraging. Looking back over the last four years, we were able to complete the study of the following books: Joshua, Ephesians, Habakkuk, Romans, Daniel, Hebrews, Zechariah, Haggai, John, Malachi, Ecclesiastes, Jonah and Esther. We are currently studying the books of James, Hosea, and Revelation during our three weekly Bible classes, which are also aired live over the internet and eventually will be available on the Holy Scriptures and Israel YouTube channel. Please remember us in prayer as we seek the guidance of the Lord in the preparations. You will need to [subscribe](#) to our Holy Scriptures and Israel YouTube channel in order to receive the messages which are posted each week. Our latest posting is the study of Hebrews 3:7.

Also, it is a joy and blessing to have some Israeli/Jewish believers at our Bible studies. A few of us are Hebrew speakers and we enjoy speaking with each other in Hebrew, the mother tongue of our Messiah, the Lord Jesus. We can also share with each other the concern that we have for our families living in Israel, or wherever else they may be. We realize that the Lord is the only One who can work in hearts, just as He did in each one of our hearts. Israelis' need to understand, as we all do, that the Messiah had to first come to die as a substitute for sin, then enter into His glory, before He comes back to rule and reign as the King of Israel. Just as Jesus the Messiah explained to the two on the road to Emmaus, **"Ought not Messiah to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory."** Luke 24:26. The Lord opened their understanding concerning Himself, **"Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures."** Luke 24:45.

Within a little more than a week, on March 23, our families in Israel and around the world will be celebrating the Feast of Purim, known also as the Feast of Esther. Purim is an important feast, which takes us back to a time in history when God supernaturally delivered His people out of the hand of Haman, who sought their destruction. God used Esther, a young Jewish girl, to deliver her people from a national sentence of death. Mordecai gave a message to Esther to speak to the king on behalf of her people, saying **"For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this".**



As Esther was challenged by Mordecai, so are we called to be used in some small way in sharing the Word of God for such a time as this, with a world that is heading towards destruction. The message of the gospel is its only hope. Please pray for Israel during this Purim season, that many will turn and trust in the Lord Jesus the Messiah, especially during these difficult days.

Using the media such as radio and websites, we are able to reach out to a good number of people with the Word of God. There are a variety of website platforms through which we share the Holy Scriptures and Israel bible teaching podcasts, including: [Transworld Radio](#), [One Place](#), and the website of [Sermon Audio](#). In Ecclesiastes 11:1, we read the words of Solomon, "**Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.**" The Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, "**Preach the word; be instant season, out of season.**" 2 Timothy 4:2a.

At our recent in-person ministry meeting in Toronto, we enjoyed the bible reading taken from the book of Esther. The theme of the message was, the providence of God, and the miraculous way in which God delivered His people from their enemies and the institution of the Feast of Purim. This is the [link for the message](#). (Passcode: R7*YJEHF)



Praise God that He is the One who does all things according to His own will, we read, "**The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.**" Proverbs 16:33. As believers, we are encouraged to realize that our God is watching over us, and that through Jesus our Lord, He will work out all things according to His own pleasure.

As to our proposed visit to Israel in April, it looks like it will have to be rescheduled. We are looking to the Lord for his time and His mind and appreciate your praying with us. Thank you dear brothers and sisters for upholding Irene, me, and our family in your prayers, as well as your practical support of us and the outreach ministry which the Lord has given us. Today we are celebrating our 47th wedding anniversary, and we thank the Lord for His grace and goodness to us these many years. Thank you to those who sent us your congratulations and good wishes. "**Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints, and for me.**" Ephesians 6:18-19a.



Please pray for:

- The salvation of our listeners.
- The radio and video outreach ministry.
- The believers who attend our Bible classes.
- The encouragement of the Israeli believers.
- The health of some who are sick among us.
- The needed ongoing grace in the ministry.
- The war situation in the Middle East.
- **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,

A. Leon & Irene