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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־זְרֻבְבָּל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחֵיל וְלֹא בְכֹחַ כִּי אִם־בְּרוּחִי אֶמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

We trust that by the grace of God this newsletter finds you well. As believers in the Lord we are encouraged to continue-on, following after our Lord Jesus the Messiah. May the Lord help us to set our affections on the Lord Jesus, looking unto Him, the One who loved us and gave Himself for us. **Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.** Revelation 1:5B.

Soon the Lord Yeshua will return and bring about all that which God promised in His Word. It brings to mind one of the hymns that we sing in our assembly meetings, one of our personal favourites:

*SOON will the Master come: soon pass away, Our times of conflict, grief, and suffering here;
Our night of weeping end in cloudless day, And sorrow's moment like a dream appear: Eternity -
-- with Jesus --- in the skies --- How soon that Sun of righteousness may rise!*

*We shall behold Him, whom not seen we love; We shall be with Him, whom we long to see;
We shall be like Him, fit for realms above, With Him, and like Him, for eternity:
Is now to sit at Jesus' feet our choice? How will fruition then our souls rejoice!*

We praise God for each and every promise we find recorded in His Word. To the church, the Lord promised; **Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.** Revelation 22:20B. To Israel, the LORD promised; **Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.** Isaiah 60:1. To the world, the Word of God records the future peaceful reign of the Messiah; **For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder... of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.** Isaiah 9:6A-7. We pray that the Lord will hasten to fulfil His sure promises.

With the Lord's help we continue with the usual work of the outreach ministry. One of the aspects of our outreach ministry involves the study and preparation for the three weekly classes. Thankfully, the Lord provides help and we are encouraged to continue-on in dependence upon Him. The apostle Shaul, Paul who knew the weakness and needs of the people of God, wrote these words to the believers in Corinth. **Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.** 1 Corinthians 15:58A.

Irene and I were able to visit with some for a time of sharing and prayer, all of us sensing the need to be strengthened spiritually by one another, personal contact is so needful. Also, it was very encouraging for us to be with the Willowdale young people in Toronto. It was good to observe their involvement in ministering to each other, may they continue to grow in their love for the Lord. We were also blessed to be with the local brethren for the remembrance meeting and for the ministry of the Word. We thank the Lord for the gracious hospitality of the brethren.

Our Holy Scriptures and Israel outreach meetings in Toronto continue to be well attended. Our latest message was from the 95th Psalm, which was written by king David as a reminder to Israel to praise God and give thanks to Him, the Rock of our Salvation. This is the [zoom link](#) and passcode to that message (Passcode: TaXk90%E) The audio part of our public in-person meetings are being edited in preparation for the radio stations. We thank the Lord for brother and sister Scott and Connie Cassell, as well as others, who prepare these messages for the radio, video and website outreach of the Holy Scriptures and Israel.



We thank the Lord in assisting us to finalize the study of the book of Ecclesiastes and to post the complete series of the Twelve chapters on our Youtube channel for the benefit of those who wish to study this most interesting book of Ecclesiastes. Also, we recently posted on the Holy Scriptures and Israel YouTube channel the new series on the book of Romans. The first introduction message is already posted for the public. We thank God for the interest that we see by some. The study of the book of Romans is most important, as it is presenting before us all the manner whereby a sinner can be justify before God, through the person and work of the Lord Jesus the Messiah. The letter was taught and recorded over zoom and it took us to study it for quiet a long time. There was much interest and good attendance when we went together throughout the book. Please subscribe to our [Holy Scriptures and Israel channel](#), to receive new bible teachings and feel free to forward the messages to others as well.

Just recently, on June 6th, the city of Jerusalem celebrated 57 years since the city was reunited, after the six-day war in 1967. At that time, I was a young boy, twelve years old, and I remember vividly June of 1967. The sound of the sirens wailing throughout the city, as my older sister grabbed my hand, and together we ran home from school, the airplanes flying overhead and the sound of bombs exploding. When we got home we hurriedly taped the windows in our apartment so they wouldn't shatter from the impact of the sound bombs, as we waited for our parents to get home. As our apartment building didn't have a bomb shelter, all the families had to go down to the landing on the lowest level and we all slept there for the duration of the war. As the landing was open to the street, we had to fill many bags with sand to create some protection from any shrapnel coming inside.



When the war was over, I also vividly remember my father taking me by the hand, and walking together, and for the first time in my life, entering the old city of Jerusalem, now once again in Jewish hands, after almost two thousand years. I remember being totally in awe as we walked through Jaffa Gate and made our way to the Western Wall. When I look back I realize what an incredible, momentous moment in history, that time truly was.

Who would believe that our people would once again be physically restored to the promised land, and establish the State of Israel in 1948. Who could imagine that the city of Jerusalem would once again be reunited, to be the capital city of its people Israel. Our ancestors, descendants of the Jews who were first carried away captive by the Babylonians in 586 BC, and then later by the Romans in 70 AD, yearned to return to the land of their forefathers. In Psalm 137:5-6, we can feel the hearts of the Jewish captives when they were in Babylon, when they said; **If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.**

Although, Jerusalem today, is far from being that which the Lord wants it to be, yet, as believers in the Lord Jesus the Messiah, we are called to pray for the Peace of Jerusalem. The reason is clearly simple, for the true Shalom/Peace of the Millennial Age to come to fruition, the people of Israel must turn by faith to their Messiah / Yeshua, and say, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the LORD. The psalmist of Israel speaking of God and His chosen city, Jerusalem, said in Psalm 48:1-2; **Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion,**

on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.

May we continue to pray for the salvation of our Jewish people, especially now with the current rise of anti-semitism, and animosity towards Israel as they fight for their survival. This is something that is sadly lacking within the christian community as a whole. May the Lord touch our hearts to have a burden for His earthly people.



In the will of the Lord, we are planning to attend the Pine Vally Bible Camp in California next month. Please pray for those leading the camp, as well as all the campers who will be attending. Our prayer is that young people will come to faith in the Lord Jesus, and that the believers will be encouraged. The Lord is able.

We value your on-going prayers for us and for the outreach ministry of the Holy Scriptures. May the Lord bless you and strengthen you in all that you do. **Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.** Ephesians 6:18.

Please pray for:

- For the radio and video bible teaching outreach program.
- For the Holy Scriptures and Israel Bible classes over Zoom.
- For the in-Person meetings in Toronto.
- For the believing Jewish brothers and sisters who are challenged because of their faith.
- For the brethren who are aging and are sick.
- For the new contact witch the Lord brings into our lives.
- For the war that is going on right now in the south and the north of Israel.
- **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