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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 "וַיַּעַן וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר יְהוָה אֶל־זְרְבָבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחַיִּל וְלֹא בְקֹחַ כִּי אִם־בְּרוּחִי אֶמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

We pray that you are doing well and are encouraged in the Lord. By His grace, Irene and I are doing well and thankful to be back home after our trip to the USA, for the Pine Valley Bible camp. The Lord blessed our time there, granting us the privilege to minister the word of God. We are thankful for the love and hospitality which we received from the saints. We were also able to visit our Israeli relatives who live in California, as well as our good friends Jerry and Nancy, who serve the Lord distributing the Hebrew Scriptures among the Jews. Brother Jerry is a Jewish believer in Yeshua the Messiah, who came to faith many years ago, he is now 90 years old. Jerry and Nancy have both been a great encouragement to us over these many years, and we thank the Lord for bringing them into our lives. **Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.** 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

When we are away from home our Holy Scriptures and Israel international Bible study group over zoom continues as usual with messages that are pre-recorded so there is no interruption to the regular schedule. We do praise God for assisting us in all this, keeping the continuity and open door for those who are hungry to learn. We thank the Lord that we have this avenue to share the Word of the LORD available to us. **Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.** Psalm 119:105. <https://www.youtube.com/holyScripturesandIsrael/videos>



During the month of August, specifically the 12th through the 13th of this month, the conservative Jewish world paused in remembrance of events that took place in the history of Israel. The evening of August the 12th, fell on the 9th day of the Hebrew month of Av, called Tisha B'Av, 5784. In Jewish history, the 9th of Av is a day which is filled with pain and sadness, because many terrible events took place on that day. Specifically, the terrible destruction of both Temples of God which were in the city of Jerusalem. The first Solomonic Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 B.C. and the second Zerubbabelic Temple was destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D., many other sad events in Jewish history took place on this very same day of Tisha B'Av. For our people this is a day of mourning, and prayer that the LORD will restore His people and once again re-build the Temple, restoring the nation to Himself, as He promised through the prophets of old. This recorded message deal with that topic of Tisha B'Av.



In light of this, our August in-person meeting held in Toronto, related to these events. The subject of the ministry was timely, as it was related to the Tabernacle and the Temples which God commanded Israel to build. The book of Exodus records for us the words of the LORD to Moses, **And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.** Exodus 25:8. Should you wish to listen to the message, please use [this link](#). Passcode: QX4ZS#Qr

We, who are believers in the Lord Jesus the Messiah, know from scripture that before Israel can be fully restored to the LORD, the nation has to turn by faith to Yeshua, Jesus the Messiah, who was rejected at His first coming. Can you just imagine, dear brothers and sisters, what that will be like for the LORD Himself, when, through His divine grace, He will awaken the hearts of His

people Israel, causing them to turn to Him, believing in Him as their Messiah. This very Jesus, is the One who was once wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities, when He died for Sin and sins, for us all, on the shameful Roman cross. We praise God that He will surely bring to pass, this very promise, which He foretold by the prophet Zechariah, saying. **And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.** Zechariah 12:10.



During our weekly Bible classes of the Holy Scriptures and Israel, we are nearing the end of the book of Revelation. Thankfully, there is a nice steady attendance of the believers. On Saturday / Shabbat Bible class we have arrived to the final two chapters in Revelation, 21 and 22. These chapters deal with the eternal order, when sin will be no more. **And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.** Revelation 21:4. What a blessing to study the book which promises blessings to its readers. The book of Revelation begins and ends with the promise of blessing to those who read it. **Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.** Revelation 1:3, as well as chapter 22:7. **Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.**

The radio outreach ministry continues on well, we are regularly in touch with the believers, and with the help of the Lord, we seek to be an encouragement to one another. Some of the Jewish individuals who have already accepted Yeshua as their Messiah, are challenged in many ways because of their faith in Him, and need our encouragement and prayers. The Lord is so good towards us all, may we seek to be of help to one another, praying for one another, as we seek His grace to lead us on our way.

From time to time we are connected with Jewish individuals who are not as yet believers. Recently, we received an e-mail request from a brother from a local church group in Sun Valley, California, asking us to get in touch with a Jewish woman who contacted him with many questions about Jesus. Questions such as, is He the promised Jewish Messiah, why does one need to believe on Him, why do our people not believe that He is the Messiah, etc. We are waiting for an open door, to be able to speak with her in person. We would appreciate your prayers for these challenged individuals who are separated from families and loved ones



because of their faith in Jesus the Messiah. Yet, we thank God, that all who believe in the Lord Jesus, are assured by God of their eternal salvation. **For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.** John 3:16.

May the Lord Jesus the Messiah return soon, and may He take His rightful place in this needy world. We wish to thank you brothers and sisters for your faithful prayers for us in the ministry, may the Lord bless you.

Please pray for:

- The radio outreach ministry
- The video outreach ministry
- The international Zoom Bible classes
- The believers with whom we are in touch
- The contact with our Jewish friends
- The needed strength and health
- **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



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