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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 בִמְחִיל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

It is amazing how time is passing by so quickly. As we write our newsletter, we realize that we are writing our last newsletter for the year 2024. It really does seem that the older we get the faster time flies by. Especially now, as we see the chaos in the world around us, the sad condition of the church in its Laodicean state, and Israel still partially blinded to the Messiahship of Jesus, and our own personal weaknesses and short-comings. As things seem to be progressing rapidly, we can see the pieces falling into place, for the soon return of our Lord Jesus the Messiah. We do pray that He will return soon and take His rightful place in this world. The words of the prophet Jeremiah come to mind, **The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.** Jeremiah 8:20. The writer of Hebrew said to the believers, **For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.** Hebrews 10:37. How wonderful it will be, once our Lord Jesus the Messiah, will bring to fruition all that which God has promised in His Word.

We thank the Lord for the blessing we enjoyed at our Holy Scriptures and Israel outreach group during our latest in-person meeting. It is always an encouragement to our hearts when we are able to pray and learn together from the word of God. We looked into the book of 1 Chronicles 16:1-13, when king David brought the Ark of God, which had been taken by the Philistines, back to Jerusalem. David, the sweet psalmist of Israel, encouraged his people to be thankful to God

at all times, we read, **Then on that day David delivered first this psalm to thank the LORD into the hand of Asaph and his brethren.** David charged Israel to give thanks to God saying, **Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.** 1 Chronicles 16:7-8. How needful it is for us, as believers, to develop such a commendable attitude which David exhibited in His own life. The message on 1 Chronicles 16:1-13 was recorded, and it can be heard by using this [link](#). Passcode: +SG@06uq



We thank God for the continued interest shown for the study of the scriptures. Whether it be through our weekly zoom bible classes, or personal contacts with those who learn of the outreach ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. It was our privilege just recently, to visit sister Betty who initially heard our bible teaching program on the local radio station, and now joins our classes on Zoom. Our visit was mutually encouraging, as we shared experiences of the goodness of God and His leading and direction in our lives. We pray for the Lord's continued grace for sister Betty.



As this year draws to its end, within some weeks, many around the world will be occupied with the birth of the Lord Jesus the Messiah. Although, we do not know the date of the birth of Yeshua the Messiah, we do use the occasion to share the message of the gospel. We emphasize the truth, that the Messiah was born in order to die and rise again as a substitute for the sin of the world, we read, **And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins.** Matthew 1:21.

This year, our families and the Jewish communities world-wide will be celebrating on the same day, December 25, marking the first day of the feast of Hanukkah. The feast of Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple which was desecrated by Antiochus IV Epiphanies, the Grecian Syrian king, in the year of 165 B.C. Although the name Hanukkah is not mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures, yet Daniel recorded the revelation which he received concerning the events which brought about the feast of Hanukkah. Daniel 8:9-14 and 11:21-35. You may use [this link](#) to listen to a message on the feast of Hanukkah.



The history of the people of Israel is unique. God orchestrated everything, in order to bring about His purpose and plan for the church, Israel, and the world. By rededicating the desecrated Temple during Hanukkah, the Temple was prepared for the coming of the Messiah Jesus. The very same rededicated Temple to which the Messiah Yeshua was brought to by His mother Miriam and step father Joseph, in order to dedicate Him to the Lord. **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 2:27. Later on, during His public ministry, He presented Himself during the feast of Hanukkah, to Israel, as we read in the gospel of John. **And it was at Jerusalem, the feast of the Dedication, and it was winter, and Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.** John 10:22-23. It was at that rededicated Temple during the feast of Hanukkah that Yeshua declared His Divinity. **I and my Father are one.** Verse 30.

While the audio and radio outreach continues on, we are moving forward with the development of the video outreach through the social media of YouTube, Facebook, Tweeter which is called X now, and shortly also through Rumble. Live recordings of our Bible classes, and sharing them with the public, has been very beneficial to many. We value your continued prayer for Irene, myself, our son Shalom and those who assist us in this outreach. David wrote, **A Psalm of David. LORD, I cry unto thee. make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee. Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.** Psalm 141:1-3, in the Hebrew Masoretic text.

As the year draws to its end, we also reflect on the faithfulness of our God in sustaining the outreach ministry to our Jewish people and to any who are willing to listen to the Word of God. By the grace of God, and as the Lord open doors, we continue to share the teaching of the word of God through these radio stations and websites, trusting in the promise of God who said. **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.

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On WDCX radio in Buffalo NY, USA - <http://www.wdcxradio.com>

On KDIA radio in San Francisco, California, USA - <https://kdia.com>

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We wish to thank you dear brothers and sisters for your faithful prayers and support of us and the ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. We give thanks to the Lord and His people for the privilege to have a part in the great commission to share the good news, which the risen Lord Yeshua gave to us. **But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.** Acts 1:8.

For our prayer partners, and those of you who inquired concerning the postal strike in Canada. Yes, the postal worker strike in Canada which began on November the 15th, continues into its fourth week. Just recently, the Minister of Labour announced that he may order Canada Post and all employees to resume operations by next week. Should you wish to connect with us, you can phone or text using this number, 1 905 325-1234, or e-mail us at gideon@holyscripturesandisrael.com. Also, you can reach us through our Holy Scriptures and Israel website, <https://www.holyscripturesandisrael.com>.

Please pray for:

- The Holy Scriptures and Israel outreach ministry
- The spiritual encouragement for all who are in touch with us
- The salvation of those who listen to our radio and video messages
- The elderly and the sick who are challenged
- The present situation in Israel, Gaza, Lebanon and Syria
- The salvation of Jews and Arabs in the middle east
- For our families in Israel and elsewhere
- The needed strength and grace as we serve the Lord
- **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