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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 6:4 "וַיֹּעַן וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר-יְהוָה אֶל-זְרֻבָּבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחֵיל וְלֹא בִכֹּחַ כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

We pray that by the grace of God you, our dear brothers and sisters, are doing well. Irene and I are doing fine, for which we thank the Lord. We are now coming to the close of the Passover season, which this year overlaps with the time when many Christians commemorate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus the Messiah. During this season, Jewish families around the world remember the ancient Feast of Pesach, Passover, a feast which God commanded His people Israel to observe. Passover is one of the seven feasts of the Lord given to Israel to be observed throughout their generations, as recorded in the Book of Exodus. **And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.** Exodus 12:14. Passover commemorates God's redemption and deliverance of His people from slavery in Egypt. It also points forward to the coming of Jesus the Messiah, who became the Lamb of God. **The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.** John 1:29.

In previous years, we hosted Messiah in the Passover presentations for large groups. This year, we adapted and shared the presentation over Zoom and other media platforms. These presentations are especially helpful to believers who wish to better understand how our Jewish people observe Passover today and how it connects with the Passover Jesus Himself observed. **And He said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.** Luke 22:15

During this season, we also used the opportunity to invite some of our Jewish friends and relatives to attend. We share with them the message of the Gospel, which highlights both the death and [resurrection](#) of our Lord Jesus the Messiah. Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. Romans 4:25. We are thankful to the Lord for blessing that outreach meeting and for those who were able to attend. The meeting was recorded and is available on our Holy Scriptures and Israel YouTube channel.



Passover is a monumental feast in Jewish life. Families in Israel and around the world gather to recount the redemption that took place over 3,500 years ago—when God miraculously brought our forefathers out of bondage. The Lord PESACH, passed over, the homes of the Hebrews when He saw the blood of the lamb on their doorposts. **And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you...** Exodus 12:13a. How wonderful it is to know that though we deserve judgment because of our sin, we are redeemed and forgiven through the blood of Jesus. **And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself.** Colossians 1:20a.



We were also blessed to be at home with our family during this season. Together, we read the Haggadah, the traditional telling of the Passover story. And the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God... Exodus 2:23b. Both the Old and New Testaments point to our Lord Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah, the promised one who came to be our Passover Lamb. For even Christ our

Passover is sacrificed for us. – 1 Corinthians 5:7b

There is a song traditionally sung at the Passover table based on Esther 4:14a, where Mordecai tells Esther. **For if thou altogether hold thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place...** This verse reflects God's sovereign plan to preserve Israel, the nation through whom the Messiah came to provide redemption.

Once again, **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.** John 1:29.

Dear brethren, let us praise God for His unchanging faithfulness to His promises, especially His promise to preserve Israel in these last days. Let us remember also to pray for the salvation of the Jewish people, especially during these days, as we live in a time of increasing global antisemitism, which will only rise as we are heading toward the tribulation days, and yet we look ahead with hope to the return of our Lord. First, at the rapture for the Church, and then at His second coming for the nation of Israel. **Thus saith the LORD... If those ordinances depart from before me... then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me forever.** Jeremiah 31:35–36

While the Church is still being built, Israel awaits the return of Messiah Jesus. Then, the Lord will restore Israel to Himself and usher in a glorious Messianic age, His Millennial Kingdom. **...Blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved...** Romans 11:25–26.

We also enjoyed our in-person outreach meeting in Toronto this month. The attendance was encouraging, with both regulars and newcomers, some of whom are not yet believers. We count it a great privilege to have this open door to preach the Gospel to both Jews and Gentiles. We thank the Lord for those who are helping to facilitate the meetings including some of our Jewish brethren who participate by taking part in meetings. The bible teaching message was on the subject of the Resurrection of Christ. The message was recorded and can be heard through [this link](#). Passcode: NvxUg#W6

Our radio and video outreach also continues well, for which we thank the Lord. We are grateful for the open doors to minister the Word in this way. Weekly Bible teachings are taught over Zoom and are posted on Holy Scriptures and Israel YouTube and Facebook channels. Currently we are updating our website, to make it easier to listen or download the [teachings](#) which are presented from a Hebrew Messianic perspective.



We have received inquiries about whether Irene and I will lead another Bible tour to Israel or a journey in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul to Greece and Turkey. Because of the current situation in Israel, we have postponed our yearly usual Israel tour. However, Lord willing, we are scheduled to lead a 16-day Bible teaching tour, in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul, to Greece, Turkey, and Italy on October 4–20, 2025. For details [click here](#).

A few years ago, a brother named Daniel from the UK joined our international Zoom Bible classes. Daniel developed a deep love for the Word of God and for our Lord Jesus the Messiah, he has a burden for the salvation of our Jewish people. Though he planned to join our Israel tour, it has been postponed until further notice. In the meantime, Daniel is traveling through Vietnam by bicycle, sharing the gospel with whomever he meets. Lately Daniel posted this video on his YouTube channel sharing the gospel with many and directing his listeners to our Holy Scriptures and Israel channel. Please pray for Daniel as he shares the Good News with the people in Vietnam.



In closing, we wish to thank you, dear brothers and sisters, for your faithful prayers and support. Please remember us in prayer for continued health and strength, and that the Lord would use us to be a blessing. **And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.** Galatians 6:9.

Please pray for:

- For blessing on the preaching of the Word of God
- For brother Daniel as he travels in Vietnam
- For the Holy Scriptures and Israel outreach ministry
- For the weekly Zoom Bible classes
- For the radio and video teaching programs
- For our family in Israel
- For peace amid the ongoing conflict in Israel and the surrounding region
- **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