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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-זֵרְבָבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחַיִל וְלֹא בִקְצָה כֹּחַ כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

Irene and I write this newsletter with thankful hearts, to our Lord, and to you, dear brothers and sisters, who faithfully uphold us and the outreach ministry among our Jewish people in prayer. Our Lord Jesus the Messiah is good, He alone sustains His people. As it is written: **"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."** Deuteronomy 33:27a. We thank God for the everlasting arms, as we lean upon Him throughout life's journey, a journey which is often filled with challenges and unexpected turns.

On May 1st, Israel celebrated 77 years as a modern nation. How swiftly time passes! It is hard to fathom that nearly 2,000 years have gone by since the days of our Messiah Yeshua's earthly ministry, and the beginning of the long dispersion, GALUT of the Jewish people. Yet, as promised, the Lord has brought His scattered people back to the Promised Land. My own grandparents were among those who returned, and on May 14th, 1948, the modern State of Israel was born.

Also in May, Israel observes Yom Yerushalayim, Jerusalem Day, marking the reunification of East and West Jerusalem during the Six-Day War of 1967. Yet, beloved, Israel has not yet entered into the rest which God has purposed. Wars, unrest, and conflicts continue, even today. True and lasting peace will only come when the Jewish people receive their Messiah. As it is



written. **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...** Zechariah 12:10.

The Lord, who is sovereign, made an everlasting covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, granting to them and to their seed the land of Canaan. **Lift up now thine eyes... For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.** Genesis 13:14-15. **Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee... and I will perform the oath which I swear unto Abraham thy father.** Genesis 26:3. **I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed.** Genesis 28:13.

The Scriptures faithfully record Israel's history—of discipline and dispersion, followed by restoration. While the people of

Israel has returned to the land multiple times, yet one more dispersion and final restoration awaits, at the return of our Lord Jesus the Messiah. **And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them... And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.** Amos 9:14-15.

As believers in the Lord Jesus, we are blessed to be part of His body, the true assembly. To us also is promised an everlasting inheritance reserved in heaven. **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.** (1 Peter 1:3-4) Praise God for the preaching of the Word of God and the message of the Gospel. Salvation and eternal hope are found in Christ alone, who loved us and gave Himself for us. God's promises will surely be fulfilled. He cannot lie. Though He disciplines, His unconditional promises remain steadfast. **God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it. Numbers 23:19. In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.** Titus 1:2. We praise God for His unchanging faithfulness!

Ministry Update:

Through our radio and video outreach, we continue to receive questions and encouragement from listeners. One asked, "I am looking for a correct understanding of the purpose of the Torah." Another, from Guatemala, inquired about Spanish-language resources. We are now exploring the possibility of offering our Bible teachings in multiple languages. By using available technology, voice translations can accompany the original messages—allowing broader access while remaining true to the original content. We trust the Lord will guide this effort.



Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to preach the Gospel at an event organized by our dear friends Michael and Dolly Makary of the Bride of Christ outreach ministry. Songs in Hebrew, Arabic, and English were sung by brethren from Israel. I shared a message from God's Word with a good-sized group, including some who have not yet come to faith in Jesus. However, at the close of the event, I became extremely weak. We had to cancel our plans for the rest of the week-end, including our in-person meeting of Holy Scriptures and Israel. Instead, we returned home so that I could rest.

Health Update:

On Wednesday, May 7th, I went to get some blood work done due to my continued weakness. Later that night, we received a call from the lab informing me that my neutrophil levels were 0.00 and that I should go to the hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital I was admitted and spent the next eight days undergoing various test, scans, x-rays and a bone marrow biopsy. After ruling out any viral, bacterial or fungal infections it was determined that I likely have lymphoma affecting my bone marrow. This was unexpected news for our family, yet we receive it from the hand of the Lord, our Great Physician. He knows all things and is able to do exceedingly above all we ask or think.

To the Romans Paul wrote: **For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit... waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.** Romans 8:22–23.

While in the hospital, I celebrated my 70th birthday along with Irene and our three sons—Shalom, Yoav, and Nathaniel and their future brides, who continue to be a great help and support. We are deeply grateful for them and for you, our spiritual family, who are keeping us in prayer.

I have since returned home to rest, awaiting further tests. The doctors have yet to ascertain the exact type of lymphoma, before starting treatment. A lymph node biopsy is pending, and if necessary, a spleen biopsy. We pray for clarity and trust the Lord will lead us each step of the way.



Thank you for your continued prayers for us and for the ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. We appreciate the many calls, texts, and prayers of the saints, although we may not be able to answer all of them, please be assured that they have encouraged and sustained us. With the help of the Lord, I hope to still be able to do the Bible studies over Zoom on Fridays and Saturdays as the Lord allows. **And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the**

called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 We continue posting new bible teachings. You can watch and listen to new messages on Romans, Hebrews, and Habakkuk on [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), and holyscripturesandisrael.com.

Please pray for:

- The radio and video outreach ministry.
- The end of the war in the Middle East and beyond.
- The brothers and sisters who are not well in our midst.
- The doctors who deal with my health situation.
- The physical health of Irene and me.
- **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