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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-זְרֻבָּבֶל לֵאמֹר לֹא בִמְצֹלָה וְלֹא בִקְצֶה כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

We trust that you are doing well and are encouraged in the Lord. We thank God for His goodness and grace toward each of us who belong to Him. The psalmist of Israel reminded our people long ago of the need to continually give thanks to the LORD. In Psalm 107:1 we read: **O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.** This exhortation is repeated in Psalm 118:1, and again in Psalm 136:1. God's goodness and enduring mercy are foundational truths that sustain us.

Just as the psalmist encouraged us to be thankful, so too did the apostle Paul. To the Ephesians, Paul wrote: **Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.** Ephesians 5:20. To the Thessalonians he wrote. **In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.** 1 Thessalonians 5:18. So let us be reminded to give thanks to God from the heart. Indeed, God is good, unchanging in both easy and difficult times. He showed His supreme goodness by sending His beloved Son, Yeshua, Jesus the Messiah, to suffer for our sins and become our Redeemer. Hallelujah!

This June newsletter is being written while I am in the St. Catharines Hospital here in Ontario, where I have been for the past some ten days now. As we shared in our May newsletter, we deeply appreciate your prayers concerning my health. As you know, my immune system is

severely compromised, and I have to avoid any exposure to infection. For this reason, visits are not allowed until my immune levels improve. We are grateful for those who wished to visit and for the believers who came but were unable to stay due to hospital protocol, we apologize for the inconvenience.

Unexpected and unplanned, the Lord in His wisdom has led us into a new chapter of life, marked by a new challenge. I have been diagnosed with lymphoma cancer. During my initial hospital stay I underwent many tests and two bone marrow biopsies, which unfortunately were not totally successful. I was discharged and was to remain at home until I received a date for a lymph node biopsy. As I waited for a call for the biopsy my condition deteriorated to the point that I had to go to the cancer centre.



During the visit, while in the doctor's office I collapsed creating a code blue situation. Although it was not quite the way we had envisioned an answer to our prayers, we soon realized that the Lord is in control and He knows best. By being in the hospital when the episode occurred, things moved very quickly and there was a team there in a matter of minutes. There quickly followed a battery of tests and various scans after which I was given a blood transfusion. Thankfully, our son Shalom was with us through all this. The Lord had arranged for us to completely bypass a six to seven hour emergency wait and completely expedited the wait for another biopsy. It was decided to attempt another bone marrow biopsy which was done two days later, and in answer to the many prayers was successful. Although the full results are not in yet, there was enough to let the doctors move forward with a treatment plan.

On Thursday June the 19th I received my first chemotherapy session, and on Friday June the 20th the second session. This marks the beginning of a six month chemo treatment for the cancer. We thank God for the doctors and the nurses who treated me, and we also know that our God is able to do all things and remove the cancer completely, as He said to His people Israel: **For I am the LORD that healeth thee.** Exodus 15:26b. And yet, we are also mindful of the reality that believers are not exempt from sickness or death in this world. As Paul wrote to the Romans believers. **For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.** Romans 8:22–23.

As believers in Yeshua, we are assured that though trials and tribulations come, in Messiah we have shalom. The Lord Jesus comforted His disciples before His crucifixion, saying: **These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.** John 16:33.

While I continue in recovery and am currently unable to teach the Zoom Bible classes, we thank God that the ministry of the Word remains active and faithful. Each week, at the same time our Zoom Bible classes are usually held, three prerecorded messages are publicly aired on our [YouTube channel](#), providing continuity for our Holy Scriptures and Israel Fellowship group and for others who wish to listen. The radio program continues to be broadcast regularly on various stations. The international outreach through TWR360, Trans World Radio, remains active 24/7, allowing many to listen to and download Bible messages from our ministry page. Through [SermonAudio.com](#), individuals from around the world continue to download bible teachings, and we are grateful to also be featured on the [OnePlace.com](#) Christian media platform. In addition, our content remains accessible through our own website. www.holyscripturesandisrael.com

We are truly thankful for the way social media and digital platforms are being used to spread the message of the Gospel and the ministry of the Word of the Lord. Only God fully knows the eternal impact of sharing His Word. As He has promised. **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.

Today our youngest son Nathaniel came to take me out for a short walk outside of the hospital after 9 days of staying in. It was good to be out for some fresh air. By the grace of God, the unchanging message of the Lord continues to go forth. Lord willing, once I return home, we hope to resume our three international weekly Zoom Bible classes, where we are currently studying the books of Genesis, Mark, and The Acts of the Apostles. As well as our in-person monthly meetings. I, as well as our faithful study groups are eager to resume. Please continue to pray for all that lies ahead. God is good, and He is sovereign over all things, our times are in His hands.



As you know, our people Israel remain at war, now for over some 20 months. Ballistic missiles from Iran have fallen on civilian areas, causing great destruction and loss of life. Yet we stand on God's promise to preserve His people. The Keeper of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps, even in

their current spiritual state. According to His eternal plan, God will bring Israel to Himself through trials and tribulation. **Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.** Psalm 121:4. Our family in Israel stays in daily contact with us, concerned about my health. Yet they themselves are almost constantly running day and night with their children to bomb shelters and safe places, seeking protection from the ballistic missiles launched from Iran.



Through the prophet Ezekiel, God declared what He will one day do for His earthly people. **For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye**

shall be my people, and I will be your God. Ezekiel 36:24–28. What a glorious future is awaiting the people of Israel once Israel turn to their Messiah, the Lord Yeshua, Jesus. Only then there will be peace not only for Israel but for the whole of the world. Everyone of us who belongs to the Lord Jesus during this church age and believes in His promises to the Church, should also long for the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel. Just as the Lord Jesus promised saying. **Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.** Matthew 24:35.

Dear brethren, We deeply appreciate all of you who are praying and supporting us and the outreach ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel. Your prayers and support mean much to us and encourage us to continue in that which God hath set before us. We close by repeating the beautiful words from both the psalmist and the apostle Paul. **O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.** Psalm 107:1. **Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.** Ephesians 5:20.

Please pray for:

- The outreach ministry of Holy Scriptures and Israel
- The encouragement and strengthening of the believers
- The current situation in Israel and the end of the war with Iran
- Our family and our people in Israel
- Gideon to learn to adjust to this new health situation
- Irene and our sons, Shalom, Yoav and Nathaniel
- **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,

Gideon & Irene