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

We greet you at the beginning of 2026, trusting that the grace of our Lord Yeshua is sustaining you. This holiday season was a time of mixed emotions for our family. We were grateful to be able to spend Christmas and New Year's together, finding strength in one another's company, yet the absence of Gideon was deeply felt.

New Year's Day marked exactly six months since Gideon's home calling. As a family, we went to the cemetery together where we read Psalm 91, just as Gideon liked to do every New Year's to commit us to the Lord for the year ahead. As we read the opening verse aloud, it took on a deeper meaning: **He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.** We take comfort knowing that he is now truly abiding in that shadow, safe in the presence of the Lord.

While we lean on Him for strength, we have also been called to walk through the valley of the shadow of death once again. We are saddened to share that Shalom's wife, Phaedra, recently lost her father. In the coming days, Shalom and Phaedra will be travelling to Saint Lucia for the funeral to be with her family. We covet your prayers for safe travel and for the God of all comfort to sustain Phaedra and her loved ones during this time of loss.



Ministry Update

While 2025 was a year of profound personal loss for us, it was also a year where we saw the hand of the Lord. As we reviewed the reports from this past year, we were encouraged to see the fulfillment of the promise that His Word **shall not return void, but it shall accomplish that which I please** (Isaiah 55:11).

On YouTube alone, there were over 114,000 views of our Bible teaching messages in 2025. Remarkably, 74% of those watching were new viewers. This tells us that a new generation is hungry for the truth of the Scriptures and is discovering the ministry. On our audio platforms like SermonAudio and OnePlace, the teachings were streamed in 82 different countries. From Israel to Australia, the Gospel is going forth.

We have just completed airing the series on the Book of Hebrews. It has been a blessing to journey through this book, looking at the supremacy of our Messiah and the great Hall of Faith. If you missed any part of this study, the full series is available on our website and YouTube channel.

- <https://www.youtube.com/holyscripturesandisrael>
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Later this month, we will begin a new series on the Book of Jonah. While many know this as a simple story about a great fish, it is so much more. Gideon deeply valued this book as a profound prophetic picture of Israel's history and calling. It reveals the heart of God for the nations and contains the "Sign of Jonah" which our Lord Yeshua pointed to as the ultimate proof of His authority: **For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth** (Matthew 12:40). We invite you to open your Bibles and join us for this powerful study.

We want to thank you for standing with us through this transition. Your prayers and support have allowed the radio broadcasts to continue and have enabled us to reach these thousands of new listeners with the Gospel.

Please pray for:

- Shalom and Phaedra as they travel to Saint Lucia, and for comfort for Phaedra's family in their loss.
- The Levytam family as we navigate this new year, trusting in the promises of Psalm 91.
- The upcoming teaching series on Jonah, that it would open hearts to the God of Israel.
- The many new listeners and viewers around the world, that they would grow in the grace and knowledge of our 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,

Irene and Shalom Levytam

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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

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