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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 אֱלֹהֵי-זְרֻבְבָּאֵל לֵאמֹר לֹא בִמְחִיל וְלֹא בִקֶּחַץ כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אֶמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

This month, our Jewish people worldwide celebrated the Feast of Purim. This festival commemorates the events recorded in the Book of Esther, when the Jewish people were under the rule of the Persian Empire. The events revolve around Haman's wicked plot to destroy all the Jews in a single day. However, God in His providence intervened to protect His people, proving the truth of the psalmist's words, **Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.** Psalm 121:4.

As we reflect on ancient Persia, our hearts are drawn to the modern-day nation of Iran. The spiritual battle remains the same. The current regime in Iran continues to threaten the Jewish people, launching regular missile attacks against Israel. Our own extended family in the Land faces these daily threats and the anxiety of war. Yet, as we pray for Israel's deliverance, we also remember that God has historically used the Iranian people to bless the Jewish populations—most notably in 539 BCE when King Cyrus the Great allowed the exiles to return and rebuild the Temple, and again during the Holocaust through the righteous actions of diplomat Abdol Hossein Sardari who saved many Jewish lives. Today, we pray not only for the absolute protection of Israel, but that the Lord might use Israel to help liberate the Iranian people from the oppressive regime that binds them, that they too might come to know the Prince of Peace.

The realities of life in a fallen world touch us all and we continue to lean heavily on the Lord's comfort in our personal lives. March 19th marked what would have been my parents' 49th



wedding anniversary. As you can imagine, this day was particularly difficult for my mother, Irene, and for all of us who miss Gideon so deeply. Yet, in our sorrow, we are sustained by the God of Israel, who promises that **the LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.** Psalm 34:18.

In the midst of these times, the work of the ministry continues to advance. For the past two months, Shalom has been focused on a significant revamp of the Holy Scriptures and Israel website. Our goal is to establish an enduring, permanent digital library for Gideon's teachings, making it simple for visitors to find a message on a specific verse or biblical topic they are studying. We are grateful for those of you who continue to stand with our family. It is through your faithful prayers and generous financial support that we are able to meet the ongoing costs of the radio airtime, expand our new podcast outreach, and fund these vital website upgrades. In all these things, we lean

entirely on the Lord's provision, trusting the promise, **But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.** Philippians 4:19.

Our online teaching ministry continues with several new videos posted in our series on the Book of Jonah (Yonah). In these opening chapters, Gideon introduces the prophet whose name means "dove," from the tribe of Zebulun. He contrasts Israel's calling to be a light to the nations with Jonah's reluctance to go beyond the borders of the land. We see Jonah's downward steps of disobedience as he goes down to Joppa (Yafo) to flee toward Tarshish, only to be met by a great tempest sent by the Lord. As Jonah is cast into the raging sea to save the Gentile mariners, the Lord prepares a great fish (dag gadol) to swallow him. Gideon so beautifully taught how this historical event points directly to the ultimate redemptive work of the Messiah. As our Lord Himself declared, **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 encourage you to watch the full playlist of this powerful study on our [YouTube channel](#).



As we look toward the spring, our hearts also turn toward the upcoming feast of Passover. This season was always very special to my father, who regularly hosted "Messiah in the Passover" (הַמָּשִׁיחַ בַּפֶּסַח) seders both in person and online. From Genesis 3 in the Old Testament (תנ"ך – Tanakh) to 1 Peter 1 in the New Covenant (ברית חדשה – Brit Chadashah), the Passover provides a biblical overview of God's eternal plan of redemption for a lost world. It is the scarlet thread pointing directly to the One of whom John the Baptist spoke: **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.** John 1:29. In the coming weeks, we will share a video of my father leading a Passover Seder that demonstrates how Christ is revealed in the Passover feast. 1 Corinthians 5:7.

Please pray for:

- The Levytam family, and especially for Irene, as the Lord continues to comfort our hearts.
- The protection of our extended family in Israel amidst the ongoing missile attacks.
- The physical and spiritual liberation of the Iranian people.
- The ongoing rebuilding of the website, that it would become a powerful tool for seekers of the truth.
- The financial needs of the ministry, that the radio broadcasts and digital outreach would remain fully funded.
- The new listeners discovering the Jonah series, that they would recognize their need for the Savior.
- **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



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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