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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-זְרֻבְבָּל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחֵיל וְלֹא בְקֹחַ כִּי אִם-בְּרוּחִי אֶמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

We greet you in the precious name of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah, trusting that His grace is sustaining you and your loved ones. As we write to you this month, we are mindful once again of His unchanging faithfulness. Though seasons come and go, and our own circumstances change, the Lord remains the same, **yesterday, and to day, and for ever** (Hebrews 13:8). We thank God for each of you who faithfully uphold us and the outreach ministry to our Jewish people in prayer.

This month the Jewish world observed the Feast of Shavuot. In 2026, Shavuot began at sundown on Thursday, May 21st, and ended at nightfall on Saturday, May 23rd. In Hebrew the word Shavuot simply means "weeks," for the Lord commanded Israel to count seven weeks, seven Sabbaths, from the morrow after the Sabbath of the Feast of Firstfruits. **And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath... seven sabbaths shall be complete** (Leviticus 23:15). On the fiftieth day, Israel was to bring a new meal offering unto the LORD. From this count of fifty days comes the Greek name by which many know this feast, Pentecost.

Shavuot is celebrated fifty days after Passover. The Jewish people remember it as the season of the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, and it also marked the ancient wheat harvest, when Israel brought the firstfruits of the wheat before the Lord. Yet, as in all of the feasts of the Lord, the "moadim" of Leviticus 23, there is a deeper purpose woven into this appointed time. These feasts were not only given to Israel to be kept each year in their season; they set before us the

very plan and program of God for all humanity.

We were reminded of this so clearly as we listened again to Gideon's teaching on this feast. In Leviticus 23:17, Israel was instructed to bring two wave loaves, baked with leaven, as a new meal offering. This is remarkable, for in the offerings the Lord had forbidden leaven, which represents sin. But here, two loaves with leaven are presented together, a beautiful picture of Jewish and Gentile believers, who though sinners by nature, are brought together and accepted before God on the basis of the shed blood of the Messiah. This is the "brit hadasha," the new covenant which the Lord promised through the prophet Jeremiah: **Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah** (Jeremiah 31:31).

How fitting, then, that it was on the day of Shavuot, fifty days after the resurrection of our Lord, that the promised Holy Spirit was poured out in Jerusalem, and Jewish and Gentile believers were united into one body. **And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place** (Acts 2:1). The feast that pointed forward for so many centuries found its fulfilment in the birth of the assembly, the body of Messiah. Today we have a risen Man in heaven, our Lord Yeshua at the right hand of the Father, and the Holy Spirit of God at work on the earth, presenting the Messiah to all who will believe.

We invite you to be encouraged this month by listening to Gideon's full message on the Feast of Shavuot, in which he walks through these truths from the Scriptures:



Ministry Update

By the grace of God, the ministry of the Word continues to go forth. Each week our prerecorded Bible teaching messages are aired on our YouTube channel, and the radio broadcasts continue to be carried on stations in Canada, the United States, and abroad. Through TWR360, SermonAudio, OnePlace, and our podcast, listeners around the world continue to download and share these teachings. It is a joy to know that these teachings are reaching hearts in places we will never set foot, carried far beyond what we could ask or imagine, as the apostle Paul wrote of the gospel's spread: **Their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world** (Romans 10:18).

We continue, with the Lord's help, the ongoing work of stewarding Gideon's vast archive of Bible teachings, that this rich treasury of the Word, taught from a Hebrew Messianic perspective, may

continue to bless many for years to come. In this connection, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our dear brother Yianny, who has recently completed the careful editing of over 170 of Gideon's audio messages, preparing the full studies along with the radio messages for our website and broadcasts. This has been a labour of love and many hours of patient work, and we are deeply grateful. By God's grace, this will allow these messages to keep going forth to listeners for years to come.

We want to thank you, dear brothers and sisters, for standing with us in prayer and through your practical support. Your faithfulness is the means God uses to keep His Word going forth to our Jewish people and to the nations.

Please pray for:

- The radio, video, and online outreach ministry of the Holy Scriptures and Israel.
- The salvation of the people of Israel, that they would receive their Messiah, Yeshua.
- The many new listeners and viewers around the world, that they would grow in grace.
- The ongoing work of preserving and sharing Gideon's archive of teachings.
- The Levytam family, as we continue to lean on the Lord's strength.
- **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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