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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 "וַיֹּעַן וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי לֵאמֹר זֶה דְּבַר יְהוָה אֶל־זְרֻבְבָּל לֵאמֹר לֹא בְחֵיל וְלֹא בְקֹחַ כִּי אִם־בְּרוּחִי אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת:

We greet you in the precious name of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah. On the first of July we marked one year since our beloved husband and father, Gideon, was called home to be with his Lord and Messiah. We thank God for every one of you who has carried our family in prayer through this year. Your letters, your calls, and your faithful intercession have been the Lord's own means of comfort to us, and we have proven the truth of the apostle's words, **Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation** (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). We sorrow, but not **as others which have no hope** (1 Thessalonians 4:13), for we know that Gideon is in the presence of the Messiah he loved and proclaimed. We treasure still the video of him singing from his hospital bed, in Hebrew, Hashem, baruch Hu, tamid ohev oti: "God, blessed be He, always loves me."

It is fitting that this month of remembrance falls within the most solemn season of the Jewish calendar. On July 2nd the Jewish world observed the fast of the seventeenth day of the month of Tammuz, recalling the day the walls of Jerusalem were breached. Three weeks later, from sundown on July 22nd until nightfall on July 23rd, came the fast of Tisha B'Av, the ninth day of the month of Av, on which both the first and the second Temple were destroyed. The days between these two fasts are kept as a season of mourning known as the Three Weeks, and on Tisha B'Av the book of Lamentations (Eicha) is read in the synagogue. Yet even in that book of tears the prophet Jeremiah lifts his eyes and declares, **It is of the LORD's mercies that we are**

not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness (Lamentations 3:22-23). Our family can testify this year that His compassions have not failed.

And the calendar itself does not end in mourning. The Sabbath immediately following Tisha B'Av, this year July 25th, is called Shabbat Nachamu, the Sabbath of Comfort, when the reading from the prophets begins, **Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem** (Isaiah 40:1-2). Nachamu, nachamu ami. Israel's true comfort is found in her Messiah, Yeshua, and Zion's full consolation awaits the day when the nation will look upon Him whom they have pierced. That same fortieth chapter of Isaiah declares the foundation upon which this whole ministry rests: **The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever** (Isaiah 40:8).

Ministry Update

This month, by the grace of God, we completed the weekly release of Gideon's teaching series through the prophet Jonah. These messages have followed the prophet from his flight toward Tarshish to his lesson under the withered gourd, showing throughout that Jonah is a sign of the Messiah, as our Lord Himself said, **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). The complete series is now available:



- Jonah 1:1-3 - [The Flight of the Dove](#)
- Jonah 1:4-7 - [The Lord Casts the Storm and Awakens His Servant](#)
- Jonah 1:8-17 - [Cast Into the Sea and the Sign of the Messiah](#)
- Jonah 2:1-10 - [Jonah's Four Experiences with the Lord](#)
- Jonah 2:1-10 - [Jonah as the Sign of Messiah's Resurrection to Israel](#)
- Jonah 3:1-10 - [The God of the Second Chance and the Repentance of Nineveh](#)
- Jonah 4:1-11 - [Jonah's Anger and the Sovereign Mercy of God](#)

Each message may also be heard on our podcast on [Apple Podcasts](#) or [Spotify](#), and we encourage you to share the series with those who are seeking the truth.

We are also thankful to announce the launch of a new teaching series on the book of Revelation, a book Gideon loved and taught with great care over many years. The series opened with:

- Revelation 1:1-3 - [The Unveiling of Yeshua the Messiah](#)



The very name of this book, in Hebrew Hitgalut, means an unveiling. It is not first a revelation of judgments or of dates, but the revelation of a Person, **The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass** (Revelation 1:1), and it carries a unique promise: **Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy** (Revelation 1:3). It is also the book that gives us the blessed assurance which has carried our family through this year: **And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away** (Revelation 21:4). New messages premiere each Saturday at 1:00 PM Eastern on our [YouTube channel](#), and each Sunday the message is released on our [podcast](#).

We also wish to share news for which we have long laboured and prayed. Next month, Lord willing, we will launch our completely renewed website at holyscripturesandisrael.com. It has been rebuilt from the ground up to be a lasting digital home for Gideon's vast archive of Bible teachings, where the messages can be found by book and chapter, and where the radio broadcasts, literature, and newsletters are gathered in one place. Our desire is that this labour would serve believers and seekers for many years to come, so that the teaching of God's Word from a Hebrew Messianic perspective may continue to go forth to our Jewish people and to the nations. We ask for your prayers as we complete the final preparations.

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, and we do not take it for granted.

Please pray for:

- The Levytam family, that the God of all comfort would continue to uphold us.
- The new Revelation teaching series, that many would hear it and believe.
- The final preparations and the launch of the new website next month.
- The radio broadcasts and the podcast listeners around the world.
- The salvation of the people of Israel, that they would receive their Messiah, Yeshua.

• **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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