

*“I have posted watchmen on your walls,
 O Jerusalem... You who call on the LORD,
 give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest
 till he establishes Jerusalem and makes
 her the praise of the earth.”*

Isaiah 62:6-7 NIV

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Shalom my friends,

As I write this letter, we are quickly approaching the holiday of Purim, also known as the Feast of Esther. Purim, beginning this year on the evening of March

20th, is a joyous celebration in remembrance of how God used Esther to save the Jewish people from destruction at the hands of their enemies. On this holiday, Jewish children dress up in costumes, the book of Esther is read, and special desserts are enjoyed by all.

This year, I believe the feast of Purim holds a special significance in light of the current events in Israel. Hamas, an organization that exists specifically to unleash horrific attacks of terror against the Jewish people, has continued to shoot rockets into Israel, especially to the southern town of Sderot. Like Haman of old, this group is bent on the destruction of Israel—in fact, they will be satisfied with nothing less than her complete annihilation. The world stands by and watches as the enemies of God’s people make their plans.

Events in the Land

A few days ago, Israel P., one of our MJMI workers in Ashdod, shared with me about the reality of events happening in the Land. First, he said that there is a real state of war in the south of Israel. *“Recently the land of Israel has experienced extreme difficulty as life seems to have split in two. There’s the normal, everyday routine that central and northern parts of the country are enjoying, and then there is the war and terror stricken south Sderot more accurately. The daily reports followed by bloody pictures are almost as unbearable as the helplessness the people of Sderot are experiencing at the face*

of such daily terror.” As a result of these events, Israel P.’s congregation is reaching out to meet practical needs, offering help to some of the neediest in the area. He says, *“We were joined by one of the congregations in the north in a project to bring humanitarian aid to Jews from Sderot who survived concentration camps during World War II.... These people are living in an awful reality, and to be able to help fulfill their practical needs, first material and then spiritual, is one of the best ways of bringing Yeshua into their homes and their hearts...”* There is much more to these stories, but not enough space in this newsletter at this time. Please just



During the holiday of Purim, Jewish people around the world remember how God used Esther to miraculously preserve His chosen people. On this special day, Jewish children dress up in costumes, the book of Esther is read, and special cookies, called Hamantashen (right) are eaten.



remember to pray for the people living in this area.

Yet even as the attacks against the Israelis are growing more numerous, Israel P. also passed along news about the amazing way in which God is bringing together believing soldiers in the IDF for greater impact in the Land. He says, *“The army has always been a bit of a lonely experience for young believing soldiers, since often they are the only believers in their division. However, God is doing something powerful these*

days, and He starts by joining them together, as he did with one of our young soldiers, Steven. Through a series of conversations, he learned that two of the other men in his unit are believers as well... Not only will they be able to shine the light of Yeshua to other soldiers and share His truth with them, but they will also be great source of support to each other.”

Yes, there is hope! The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is still on the throne. He has promised to preserve His people, and He has proven again and again that He will keep His word. Just as He placed Esther in a royal position at just the right time to bring relief and deliverance to her people, so He can crush the plans of those who seek Israel’s destruction today. While we may not know exactly how these events will unfold, we know that the Lord will keep His promises to his chosen people!

My friends, we need to use this opportunity to lift the nation of Israel in prayer. God has called us to be watchmen on the wall, to never rest or be silent, to *“give*

Him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.” (Isaiah 62:7 NIV) As the Jewish people celebrate the feast of Purim and remember the preservation of the Lord, let us pray that they will recognize Yeshua, their Messiah—the

One who has already been placed in His royal position to bring relief and deliverance at just the right time.

Seize the Opportunities

Next month (April 19-27) we will be celebrating the *mo’ed* (appointed time) of Passover. This is a powerful time of year that gives many opportunities to share the Good News of Yeshua with Jewish

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people—both in the United States, and around the world. Hopefully, the words of the sidebar below will remind us all to start preparing for this important time.

Recently, I heard from our worker, Aviel, about the opportunities God is giving him to reach Jewish people. He wrote, *“Myself, Pastor Ariel and several others have been continuing to evangelize in Ramle and Lod areas. We’ve had some awesome encounters with people. Everybody who ordered the Yeshua DVDs gladly received additional Gospel literature. Many also asked for Bibles. Practically every person that heard the Gospel from us, also received prayer. One of the orders for the film came from a woman with cancer. I went to her with Ariel [photo above right: Ariel and Aviel on their way to evangelize]. We shared the Gospel with her, gave her a Bible and saw*



how the Lord opened her heart. We prayed for her healing and now we keep in touch with her.

“It has been a wonderful month! I see how much God desires to enter into the lives of His people, how much He loves His nation. Every time I go to evangelize, I feel supernatural love for God’s nation, I feel His compassion. Please pray for more workers in Israel—it is so vitally important!”

This Is the Time

The Lord is moving in the hearts of His people, and it is crucial for our **MJMI**

workers to be in the field, ready to reap the harvest. These men and women are gifted and anointed evangelists, and God has called them to proclaim the Good News throughout the Land of Israel. But please know that it is your support which makes it possible for these workers to do the work of the ministry. Your gifts are directly affecting their ability to reach the Jewish people with the message of Yeshua’s Salvation!

Now is the time! Please don’t let another moment go by without asking the Lord how He wants you to be involved with this work. Maybe you can start giving today for the first time. Perhaps you can increase or double what you have already



been faithfully giving. You may have even been blessed with enough resources to send \$500—just the amount needed to support an **MJMI** worker in Israel for an entire month. Every gift, no matter how large or small, is a great blessing to this ministry.

I am excited about the future, and I look forward with great expectation to what the Lord will do among His people. God is surely moving, and I am thankful to be a part of His plan. As we continue to work together, I pray that we will soon see the day when all Israel cries out, *“Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!”*

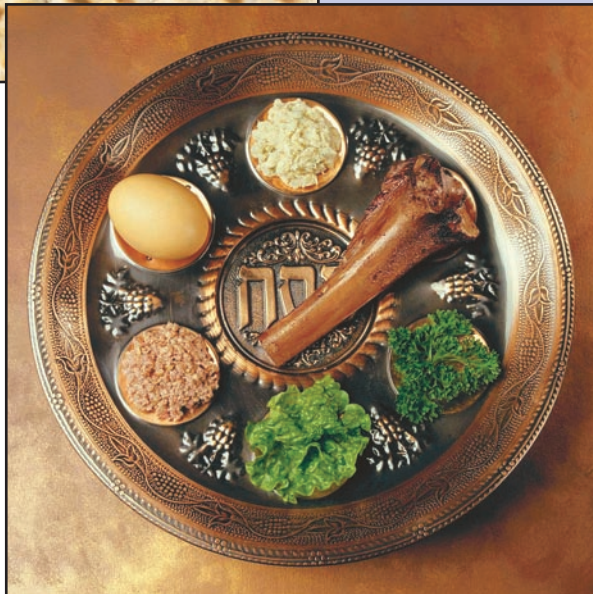
With all of my love in Yeshua,

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Nathan L. Jacobus, President



Celebrating Passover

Over the next few weeks, we have a wonderful opportunity to share the Good News with any Jewish people we may encounter. We are quickly approaching Passover, a time that is familiar to even the most non-religious Jewish person. What better starting point could we find for telling someone of the work Yeshua has done in our lives!



On Passover, Jewish people around the world tell the story of Israel’s redemption from slavery in Egypt. They remember the Passover lamb, whose blood was spread upon the doorposts; and they eat matzah (unleavened bread). These elements point to the work of Yeshua, our Messiah. As we tell the Exodus story, we remember the great redemption the Lord has done for us personally. Our perfect Passover Lamb has set us free from bondage to sin and the flesh; and through His atoning work, we are made righteous—we are truly unleavened.

Dear friends, as we celebrate this Passover, I encourage you to pray for the Jewish people who do not yet know Yeshua—who are still captive in their sin. Let us join our voices together, asking the Lord to once again deliver His people during this season. As they celebrate the Passover, may all Israel finally see their Messiah and receive their Salvation!