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Go and tell my people!

Beloved friends, grace and shalom
from God our Father and Yeshua our Lord!

***“And we proclaim Him,
admonishing every man
and teaching every man with all wisdom,
that we may present every man
complete in Christ.”*** (Colossians 1:28)



When I consider how the love, grace and faithfulness of our God was at work in a willing vessel named Jeff, who took time to share the Gospel with me, and prayed and fasted for me to be snatched out of Satan’s playground, so that I might build my life on rock not on sand. When I remember how he went out of his way to compel me to examine the Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiahship of Yeshua and the promised kingdom in which ***“the wolf will dwell with the lamb,”*** and ***“nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they learn war,”*** my heart overflows with gratitude.

When I consider the day in which I found myself compelled by the Holy Spirit to read the New Testament to see whether it is all about the promises of God to Israel, as claimed by Jeff, who worked so hard to convince me of this, and who urged me: ***“get to know Yeshua and discover your true identity as a Jew, follow Him so your life will reach heaven while you are on earth, and when you die your spirit will continue living as your body returns to dust,”*** I am filled with awe at God’s love and mercy.

Firmly Jeff declared, ***“It is all about God’s Covenants and promises to you, the Jewish people,”*** a truth which has become a reality to me after my own burning bush experience.

Twenty-nine years have passed since my spiritual birthday. As I remember the many battles within me concerning Yeshua’s claim on my life, memories of joy and pain, failure and growth, shame and victory, I cannot help but praise God and give Him all the glory. The more I study the wonders of God with my people Israel, and experience as well the wonders of God in my own life, the more I want to follow Him. The more I follow Him, the more I realize His purpose and the intention of His heart for me: ***“Let Israel hear the Gospel of the kingdom in its Jewish context.”***

As He clothed Himself in flesh and blood to die for me, how can I not lay my life down for Him?

As He wept over Jerusalem, how can I not weep with Him?

As He declared He would return to Jerusalem, how can I not proclaim His promise?

With His love for me, He commands me to love others, how can I not love and share the Gospel?

Oh that I might learn to leave Israel’s response to the Gospel in the hands of my Lord, just as Isaiah did when he heard from God, ***“Go, and tell this people: keep on listening, but do not perceive; keep on looking, but do not understand... UNTIL cities are devastated and without inhabitant, houses are without people and the land is utterly desolate.”*** (Isaiah 6:9-11)

Who wants to preach to people whom God has told you beforehand will neither listen nor respond to your message? Who is willing to obey God when you are rejected and even persecuted?

Only those for whom the interest and reputation of our Lord is more important than themselves. Only those who have learned to count their life as rubbish, to pick up their cross, deny themselves and follow Him. Only those who have come to terms with the reality of God’s kingdom now and in the Day of our Lord.

Oh that I might more deeply understand the truths which Isaiah and all the prophets proclaimed concerning Yeshua, the Messiah, who is the final word of God to Israel, and is the fulfillment of those prophecies.

Now 2000 years after our Lord's prediction: ***“And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles UNTIL the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled,”*** (Luke 21:24) With the restoration of Israel, God is close to completing His purpose for the Gentiles and the coming kingdom is at hand.

Beloved saints, graced by God, do you recognize the significance of the age in which we are living?

Yeshua promised that He would bring the time in which Israel would call on Him, and Paul adds: ***“I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation that a partial hardening has happened to Israel UNTIL the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.”*** (Romans 11:25)

In Israel today, we are rejoicing to see that God is softening the hearts of His people and increasing numbers are coming to faith. He is surely answering our prayers.

Oh that we would all realize that the only hope for this world is for my people Israel to call on the Lord in response to His statement over Jerusalem, ***“For I say to you, from now on you shall not see me UNTIL you say, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”***” (Matthew 23:39)

I want to thank so many of you who have recently received Trumpet's new DVD and have called or written to request more copies, in order to introduce Trumpet's work and vision to others. Your sincere desire to advance God's kingdom through Trumpet overwhelms our hearts; truly you are a source of joy and encouragement to us all.

As you watched the DVD, obviously you understood that gathering the living stones from the nations, equipping them to provoke Israel to jealousy and mobilizing them all over Israel, is the heart cry of God.

Israel is on the verge of calling: ***“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”*** The time has come - now - to present the Gospel to the dry bones. No longer are we to wait **UNTIL...!**

As God took the risk of leaving the Gospel in the hands of twelve men, so He trusts you to help and be an active part of the Trumpet family in bringing the Gospel back to the Jewish people. It took us nearly six months to make this DVD and it was a miraculous production.

First I wrote the manuscript and recorded it at the studio in our congregation. Then I gave the disc to K., a member of our team, who had absolutely no knowledge of DVD production. ***“Put pictures and video clips to this recorded manuscript,”*** I told her. She got the shock of her life and could not believe her ears, but I assured her that ***“in Christ you can do all things, and even if you have to sit day and night to learn the program, I know you can do it and do it to the glory of God.”***

In the first few weeks, it was almost too much for our dear K., but with much prayer, love, encouragement and support from the entire team, along with hard work, long hours and above all, God's grace, she did it. Many problems occurred along the way that taxed all our ingenuity. It became clear that the enemy wanted nothing less than to destroy this project, but time and again, we saw that ***“He who is in us is greater than he who is in the world.”*** (1 John 4:4)

We are very grateful also to many other people who contributed to the final result - without them it would not be in eight languages. What a great victory! This was a valuable lesson for us all: in Him you can do all things. If believers are truly united with one heart, one spirit and one purpose to further our Father's kingdom, then nothing can stop them.

This most unusual, unique DVD, *'To the Jew First'*, presents clearly the faithfulness, truth, power, wisdom and ability of God to perform His word through you, beloved, through you who support and pray for Trumpet of Salvation, through you who are willing to leave your familiar life for a season and be available as empty vessels for the Lord to use in a Trumpet campaign.

You, the believers from the nations, are these willing vessels, who pay no heed to the media which perpetrates fear, paralyzing people and preventing their coming to Israel.

Like Joshua, son of Nun, you are the people who do not see the visible world but the invisible, and when the cross comes into view, you are the people who hear from God, ***“Be strong and very courageous,”*** and give no room to fear or unbelief.

You are the people who recognize the signs of the time and are willing to let God stretch you in order to fulfill His heart’s desire.

You are the saints who in spite of your weaknesses are willing to live in the light of Yeshua’s teaching, following the example of the heroes of faith, trusting God to do through you what you could never do by yourselves.

You have learned that as long as we abide in Him we can offer our two fishes, five loaves of bread, and our mustard seed of faith, trusting Him to give the increase.

As I remember the way in which God used Jeff to call me into a love relationship with Himself, and as I consider the 29 years of God’s grace sustaining me to keep my vow, *“I will let Israel hear the Gospel of the kingdom in its Jewish context,”* I have learned to appreciate that whatever circumstances come my way, whether good or evil, God is always using my response to carry out His purpose.

But the truth of the matter is that I could not fulfill God’s heart desire at this time of Israel’s history without your firm friendship, prayer and commitment. I want to urge you to please get involved with Trumpet of Salvation to Israel. Now is not the time to sit back and watch the fig tree bloom. (Luke 21:29-31) Now is your opportunity to share in the exciting things God is doing in His land and witness the fruition of God’s end-time prophecies concerning Israel. ***“I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.”*** (3 John 4)

*Love you dearly
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