



# For Zion's Sake Ministries

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## Our Vision

- *"For Zion's Sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not hold my peace..." Isaiah 62:1*
- To inform, educate and mobilize support for Israel and the Jewish people
- To bless and comfort the nation of Israel in practical ways
- To bring good news, to proclaim peace and salvation, to say to Zion "Your God Reigns"



Scripture

*"You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, yes, the set time has come." "For the Lord shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory". Psalms 102:13,16*

## Shalom Mishpacha!

Greetings!

Tishrei, the seventh month of the biblical calendar is behind us. It was the month of celebrating the fall festivals and the rejoicing over G\_d giving us His Torah.

The first of the fall festivals is the Feast of Trumpets or Rosh HaShana, a time of reflection into our spiritual life. A time of repentance and return to living our life G\_d's way in the coming new year. It is also to be a reminder to us of things to come when Yeshua will return with the sounds of the trumpets. "Blow the Shofar in Zion! Sound an alarm on my holy mountain!" Let all living in the land tremble for the Day of Adonai is coming! (Joel 2:1)

It will take but a moment, the blink of an eye, at the final shofar. For the shofar will sound and the dead will be raised to live forever. (1 Cor. 15:52)

The seventh angel sounded his shofar; and there were loud voices in heaven saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and his Messiah and He will rule forever and ever!" (Rev. 11:15) Hallelu-Yah!

The Day of Atonement is the second of the fall festivals. It is a day of acknowledging G\_d as the Righteous King and Judge. A time for us to repent and restore our walk with the Creator of all things. Restoring the "fear of the Lord" in us in preparation for the future judgment on the Day of the Lord.

"I solemnly charge you before G\_d and the Messiah Yeshua who will judge the living and the dead when he appears and establishes His Kingdom. ( 2 Tim 4:11)

Yes, we are to live that way every day of our life, but especially on days that were appointed by G\_d Himself. (Lev. 23)

Next comes the Feast of Tabernacle, we built our Sukkah and had a great time of fellowship, eating, praying and worshipping G\_d in the Sukkah.

It was a time of being thankful for all of His provisions, for bringing the children of Israel through the wilderness experience on their way to the Promised Land. In His faithfulness, G\_d preserved them throughout many annihilation attempts. Am Israel Chai! Israel lives forever!

This is a time to thank G\_d for always walking with us even during times of punishment and refining, just like He did with the children of Israel.

We thank Him for His desire to tabernacle with us, as we look forward to the future when we will tabernacle with Him for all eternity. Hallelu-Yah, Amen.

The last of these special Appointed Times in the month of Tishrei is "Simchat-Torah" literally, "Rejoicing in the Torah". We celebrated the gift of Torah, G\_d's teaching and instructions for our life. We joined Shores David Messianic Synagogue for the celebration of the Word of G\_d and also for the Word that became flesh, Yeshua.

Many believe, including myself, that He came to dwell (tabernacle) with us during this time of year and not in December.

Synagogues all around the world, on that day, were praising G\_d that we were

## Upcoming Events:

Join us for weekly prayer for Israel as we meet on the steps of Bell Shoals Baptist Church, Brandon, on Thursday nights from 6:00pm – 7:00pm

*Discovering the Jewish Roots of Your Faith* classes on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm at Bell Shoals Baptist Church

Israel Mercy Team May 10<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Benefit to Bless Israel Saturday, November, 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Special guest speakers, Paul Wilbur concert, Please contact us for details

able to complete the yearly reading of the Torah and begin the new cycle of reading.

G\_d called these special days His appointed Times, a time that He chose to meet with His people. This is a time to reflect on others rather than ourselves, a time to look inward and ask what we need to do to be in obedience to our Heavenly Father.

On our last trip to Israel, we had the privilege of visiting a biblical village that was built by a religious man named Menachem. He has recreated life in the land as it was 2000 years ago. He was blessed by the fact that we were Christians who love Israel and knew the Hebrew scriptures.

He shared with us that the pigeon was the mail delivery in ancient times and to make his point he sent one of his pigeons with us to be released from another location. After our group's baptism, we wrote a note to him and quoted Isaiah 62:1, "For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not hold my peace." And expressed our love for the G\_d of Israel. We released the pigeon from the baptismal site at the Jordan river.

That evening when we arrived at the hotel, we received a faxed copy of our note. He added a note to us that he was encouraged to be with Christians who are standing with Israel and to him it says that we are living in the days of Messiah.

Later we visited the Temple Institute in Jerusalem, and our blue shirts continued to speak for us. We received a warm welcome from the Rabbi in charge of the institute. He asked for permission to speak to our group and we heard the same thing from his lips, "Truly we are living in the days of Messiah".

Religious Jews that are reading the scriptures realize that "redemption is near". Even one of Israel's chief Rabbi spoke to the media and said "redemption is at hand, out of desperation, the Jewish people will realize that no one can help them and they will turn to the Father in Heaven."

Many Jews believe that redemption is at hand and are looking for the coming of the Son of David just as many of us believe we are living in the days of Messiah.

He is coming soon! His feet will touch the Mount of Olives and He will take up His place on the throne of David in the only place He called His dwelling place, Jerusalem.

May G\_d find favor with us and choose our generation to see this glorious day.

So whatever you are going through, know that the days preceding His coming will be days of trials so be of good courage.

Joshua 1:8, 9 "Yes, keep this book of the Torah on your lips, and meditate on it day and night, so that you will take care to act according to everything written in it. Then your undertakings will prosper, and you will succeed. Haven't I ordered you, "Be strong, be bold"? So don't be afraid or downhearted, because Adonai your G\_d is with you wherever you go."

When He Comes, He will Judge the Nations as we read in Joel 3:1 "For then, at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Y'hoshafat, (Adonia judges). I will enter into judgment there for my people, my heritage Israel, whom they scattered among the nations; then they divided my land. (Joel 3:1-2)

World leaders are pressuring Israel to give up land for the sake of peace. The news reports that Olmert (Israel's Prime Minister) is ready to share control of Jerusalem. Condoleeza Rice says "Israel must divide Jerusalem". What do you say?

At the start of the new biblical year of 5768 stop to reflect on how you

supported Israel and the Jewish people in the past. How about now? Here are some wonderful opportunities for you to bless Israel.

We are collecting money to help CFI in Jerusalem to provide winter fleece jackets to IDF (Israel Defense Force) soldiers who fight to defend the borders of Israel. \$20 will buy one jacket and send a message from Christians to the people of Israel that we love and support them.

Hannah, our young “Sh-licha” (messenger of good will) in Jerusalem, recently reported in her email:

Psalm 137:4-7 “How can we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land? If I forget you O Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill. May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy.” “The Lord has called me to take a step of faith and so I have said, Yes, Lord, I will go/stay wherever you want. I am now making a commitment to serve in Israel for the next two years.”

How exciting! Praise be to Adonai. G\_d called and Hannah answered.

How about you? Will you commit to help with Hannah’s support to stay in Israel?

Please continue to pray for Hannah’s strength, health and wisdom to know G\_d’s direction for her time in Israel.

We are making plans for our next trip to Israel, please consider joining us May 10<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008. If you are interested in being part of the Israel Mercy Team, please contact us because space is limited.

May the Lord bless you as you bless the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Israel (Jacob)

Shalom and Blessings,  
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### Please Pray

- For an undivided Jerusalem
- For the Church to Choose Life and recognize G\_d’s call to stand with Israel
- For all of Israel to be saved
- That the soldiers still in captivity will be released unharmed

