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THE GREATER THE SHAKING...



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After 40 days of war with Iran, we have entered a fragile cease-fire. Everyone wants to know if Trump and the US will succeed in securing a real “deal” with Iran that will last.

In Israel, during the 40 days of conflict, daily missile attacks became routine. Unlike the 12-day war in June of 2025, Arab nations in the Persian Gulf region were also drawn into the hostilities, many experiencing direct rocket and drone bombings by Iran. What was originally a limited Israel-Iran conflict in June 2025, has now expanded into a regional conflict and beyond. As the war intensified, the question became not only geopolitical, but spiritual. *What happens to people’s hearts when the shaking increases?*

One recent testimony reflects the human reality behind these headlines. A resident whose building was struck by a missile described covering his baby with his body moments before the explosion. The apartment filled with shattered glass. His family, though lightly injured, survived. The three lower floors of the building were completely destroyed, killing four people; and his family lived just one floor above the area of impact! Later he said, ***“I am not a believing person, but there is a strong feeling here of a great miracle. There was divine protection.”*** In the midst of destruction, the language of supernatural providence emerges; people reconsider questions of faith.

Israel has lived in a state of war and conflict since its establishment in 1948 with periods of relative quiet, but never complete peace. In IDF training, soldiers are taught that Israel is always in a state of war – sometimes overtly active, sometimes less visible.

History shows that when conflict intensifies, something shifts spiritually. During the Yom Kippur War in 1973, the nation experienced a deep shaking. Fear, uncertainty, and loss touched every family. Many Israelis began searching spiritually, reading the New Testament, and asking questions about Yeshua. The modern Messianic Jewish movement here grew significantly.

We see a similar pattern in this war. During the Iranian attack in April 2025, when hundreds of missiles and drones were launched toward Israel in a single night, **the number one internet search in Israel that night was “Psalms.”** Why? In Judaism, it is customary to read Psalms in a devotional posture towards God. Faithful Orthodox Jews already had the Psalms open. So, that sudden spike showed people who do not normally pray, turning instinctively toward God and His Word. In moments of fear, something awakens deep within. Spiritually distant hearts begin searching for words of comfort, protection, and hope. As it came to be said during WWI: *“There are no atheists in the trenches.”*

This pattern is not limited to Israel. In recent years, reports from Iran have described a surprising development. Despite severe restrictions and persecution, a growing number of Iranians are turning to faith in Yeshua. This growth is largely hidden, yet multiple studies and ministries describe an expanding network of house churches and seekers across Iran. Due to extreme government oppression, religious and otherwise - Iran has become a place of spiritual hunger.

Both Scripture and modern history reflect this same dynamic. The prophet Haggai records the Lord saying, ***“I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come”*** (Haggai 2:7). Yeshua spoke of wars, turmoil, and instability, and in the same context described the gospel being preached to all nations (Matthew 24:6–14). In the book of Acts, persecution in Jerusalem scattered the believers, and ***“those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word”*** (Acts 8:4). The shaking accelerated the spread of the message.

Over centuries, the gospel moved outward from Jerusalem through the nations. Over the last century, significant gospel movements have emerged in places like Korea, China, and Indonesia. If the message from Jerusalem has reached the ends of the earth, then we are now at a turning point. As awakening spreads across regions like Iran and parts of the Middle East, could we be nearing the time when a great awakening returns to Jerusalem once again?

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BEGINNING OF BIRTH PAINS



By **Hannah Tekle**

The flowery pink hijab delicately framed her face, every fold precisely held in place, while the loose end flowed down her back dancing ever so slightly in the spring breeze. For over six months we've been together in the college classroom where we are learning to be doulas (*a childbirth coach*). Fariha is from a Muslim village up North. We are the same age, have the same number of children, and have both ventured into this new profession at the same time. Walking to my car, we both sighed; today's lessons were about breastfeeding preparation. It was bittersweet to be reminded of the precious years when our now adult children were dependent on our very bodies for their nourishment.

Every week Fariha runs to hug me, getting in a short chat before class: "My mother's surgery went well, inshallah, how about your daughter?" "Yes, she got time off from the army for the holiday! *Baruch Hashem!*" The interactions are sweet and natural. When I drop her off at the bus stop, she hugs me goodbye and wishes out loud that we lived closer.

Early in the war, when classes were cancelled, our group chat was busy with messages of concern, checking to see whose towns and villages had been hit by missiles. We eventually resumed studies by Zoom and were interrupted often by missile sirens. One day when we reconvened on screen after a missile attack, the teacher sent a picture of huge missile shrapnel that had just fallen in her yard.

It is unique and powerful to be learning this birthing profession in Israel, Arab and Jewish women studying together how to help women bring forth life in a land where questions of life and death are central to the conflict. Israel is one of the world's leaders in infertility treatment and obstetrics, facilitating new life even in medically complicated situations. Ironically, in doula training we are learning to help women reclaim a more natural and ancient way of birthing — with modern medicine nearby if truly needed.

End Times Labor Pains

As my studies of labor and delivery deepen, I cannot escape how often Scripture compares the end times to labor pains. Yeshua said: "*Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom... All these are the beginning of birth pains.*" Birth pains are not death pains. They are pain that signals transition.

Pain is usually the body's way to communicate that something is wrong. Sometimes it indicates growth — as my weightlifting son would say, "*no pain, no gain.*" As a society, we prefer to remove the pain, often disregarding the root cause. Labor and delivery are a prime example.

Modern medicine typically optimizes labor, focusing on the *comfort* of pain-relief, the *control* of monitored mom and baby stats, the *predictability* of staff-paced interventions, and a *short* delivery. However, we must view pain as part of the process — not something to fear and endure but to harness and partner with.

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“WHAT ABOUT ME?”



By **Leon Mazin**

Thank you for your feedback, your prayers, and your continued support.

First, a little news. Everyone is aware that there has been a respite in the war. Even in Lebanon, things have quieted down somewhat. Many who were serving in the army reserves have returned home. To be honest, the work is not yet finished. But through it all, we continue to remember that the Lord holds everything in His hands. He is able to use presidents, prime ministers, governments, people and agencies for His divine purposes. For now, we are thankful for the opportunity to breathe a little and rest.

The Shabbat before I wrote this, something unusual happened: our entire team of elders, together with their wives, did not attend the service. We entrusted everything to our youth, and attended the Bat Mitzvah of Dima's daughter (the leader of our daughter congregation).

As you may know, the Bar and Bat Mitzvah is a coming-of-age ceremony in Jewish tradition. Some connect it to the account in the New Testament where Yeshua, at about twelve years of age, was taken by His parents to the Temple. The ceremony indicates becoming personally responsible before God to obey His commandments. Leading up to the occasion, the boy or girl is instructed in the Scriptures, taught to read a passage from the Torah, and expected to give a short commentary. If there are additional talents, such as music, the child may also be invited to perform. Abigail, Dima's daughter, did everything beautifully and we were blessed to take part in this special occasion.



In the weeks of counting up to the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot/Pentecost), we were reminded that the Lord calls a people – but He also seeks out each individual.

As it is written, “*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you*” (Jeremiah 1:5), and also, “*Now you are the body of Messiah, and each one of you is a part...*” (1 Corinthians 12:27). That is why a recent weekend was so meaningful for our youth.



Over that weekend, some of our young people joined a youth conference getaway hosted by *Netivah*, built around the theme: “*What about me?*” It was not a light question, and it was not treated lightly. The weekend gave the participants space for honest, searching, and difficult questions about identity, calling, responsibility, and each one's place in the Body of Messiah and the Kingdom of God.

For most of the attendees, this is a lifechanging season. Some have already been drafted, and others will soon begin their IDF military service. They are at the threshold of weighty decisions, real pressures, and adult responsibility. That's why this time mattered so deeply. It challenged them, but also helped them. It gave language to what many have been carrying silently, and it pressed the question more clearly: not only “*What will I do next?*” but “*Who am I before God, and what is my place in His purpose?*” Please pray that what was planted in these young hearts will not be lost.

We are also preparing to send 20 of the young people to our “Nesher” Youth Training Camp in Norway. We have been doing this for the past 11 years and have seen incredible fruit. Although it is a significant investment, this ministry is highly effective. I ask for your special prayers and financial support, for they are raising up the next generation of leaders and ministers in Israel!





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CAN THESE BONES LIVE?



By **Guy Cohen**

In a vision, Ezekiel is carried by the Spirit of the Lord into a valley full of dry bones, and there he is asked the central question: “*Son of man, can these bones live?*” (Ezekiel 37:3).

This is not only a question for the prophet, but also a question that echoes in every generation, especially in our own, as we face a complex reality filled with pain, fear, and uncertainty. The dry bones represent a state of deep despair and hopelessness. Later in the chapter it explicitly states: “*Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost*” (37:11). This is the voice of exhausted Israel, and also the voice of **anyone** who feels disconnected and empty. It is possible to appear alive on the outside, function in our daily activities but feel devoid of the spirit (*ruach*).

The prophecy does not stop there. God commands the prophet: “*Prophesy over these bones*” (37:4). As Ezekiel speaks the word of the Lord, bones come together and tendons and flesh miraculously appear. YET: “*There was no breath in them*” (37:8). Yes structure, yes, some restoration, but still no real life.

This recalls Genesis 2:7. “*The Lord God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.*” Only when God breathes His Spirit into man does he become a living being. True life does not come from physical existence alone, but from the presence of God’s Spirit.

In the next stage of the vision, God commands: “*Prophesy to the breath. Prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: ‘Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live’*” (37:9). Then the transformation takes place: “*The breath came into them, and they lived*” (37:10). Here we see the heart of the prophecy, not just physical restoration, but resurrection. Not just outward rebuilding, but inward life.

This vision connects directly to the promise in Ezekiel 36:26–27: “*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.*”

It also aligns with the words of Jeremiah 31:33: “*I will put My law within them, and write it on their hearts.*”

Meaning: God’s plan for Israel doesn’t end with returning to the land (*aliyah*), nor national sovereignty and restoration alone, but it includes a deeper inner transformation – a new heart and a new spirit.

Indeed, the vision continues: “*I will open your graves... and bring you into the land of Israel*” (37:12). Many see in this a clear picture of the ingathering of exiles and the national rebirth of Israel. Yet that’s not enough: “*I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live*” (Ezekiel 37:14). This reveals a two-stage process: physical restoration and spiritual awakening.

This spiritual resurrection is connected to the identity and the ministry of Yeshua. He spoke about passing from death to life (John 5:24) and about receiving the Holy Spirit (John 20:22).

The call for each of us today is to be part of this process – to listen to the Word of God, to open our hearts to His Spirit, and to believe that even what seems dry and dead can live again in Him.



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We cannot claim to know the timing, nor can we assume this will fully unfold in our generation. Yet spiritual hunger across the region is already preparing the way for a future movement that will ultimately return to the place where the gospel first began.

Scripture points toward such a turning. Paul writes that the “fullness of the Gentiles” will affect salvation in Israel (Romans 11:25–26). Isaiah speaks of nations coming to the light of Zion (Isaiah 60:3). Zechariah describes many peoples seeking the Lord in Jerusalem (Zechariah 8:22). Yeshua Himself declared that Jerusalem would one day welcome Him, saying, **“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord”** (Matthew 23:39).

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Fear disrupts labor, tightening the body and creating resistance. Peace allows the mother to cooperate with what her body was created to do. She cannot stop the contractions, but she can learn to breathe instead of panic, to surrender instead of resist. As I learn to help women prepare for physical birth pains, I see the *parallels* to how we as believers are meant to approach the end times. Much of end-times discussion is dominated by fear, as though the goal were escape. Yet Scripture points toward a different posture: **“When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”**

The goal of labor is the life that it is bringing forth. Romans 8 says that **“the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth.”** Creation is not groaning toward death, but toward new birth. Yet, preparation cannot begin once labor becomes overwhelming. Advance exercises for physical, mental and even emotional readiness are effective and critical. Peace is practiced beforehand. Strength is built long before the hardest moments arrive.

Spiritually, the same is true. We cannot expect deep peace in shaking if we have spent years cultivating fear. We cannot suddenly endure if we have neglected prayer, Scripture, community, and trust. Preparation is not panic. Preparation is peace-filled readiness.

Labor involves real pain. It brings exhaustion, vulnerability, and moments when the mother feels she cannot continue. Yet birth also reveals hidden strength. Women often discover during labor that they are capable of far more than they imagined.

As the recent war with Iran has ebbed and flowed, **this becomes not only an observation but a call to prayer.** We pray for protection, for wisdom for our leaders, and victory for the Kingdom of God; for peace, and for the salvation of many (1 Timothy 2:1-8)

When war comes, history suggests *that the greater the shaking, the greater the openness.* So, we pray for awakening – that what is already taking place in Iran will not remain isolated; that spiritual curiosity will extend beyond Iran’s borders into neighboring Moslem nations, and Israel.

It may start gradually under the surface. Yet, we can pray that God will use this season to awaken hearts – throughout the entire region!

I believe the same will be true for the Body of Messiah in the difficult days ahead. As we learn to quiet ourselves and lean into the process – endurance, courage, and supernatural peace will emerge most clearly under pressure. And the birth pains we so feared will be revealed to have been signs that the Kingdom was nearer than we realized.

A woman does not labor alone. In the best births, she is accompanied by those helping her breathe, persevere, and remember what waits on the other side of the pain. The *end times were never meant to be endured in isolation either.* There was sweet evidence of this at our Shabbat service this weekend, whose attendance is slowly returning to normal after the disconcerting months of war. Talking to members I hadn’t seen for a few months; I could see and feel the encouragement of meeting again face to face and talking about war experiences. Sharing the labor experience also brings a special kind of closeness among mothers.

As we watch the shaking in the world and experience firsthand the signs Yeshua spoke of, I find myself comforting my own heart with the same words I will use to support women in labor:

“You may not know exactly how the process will unfold, but you can prepare. You can practice peace. And above all, remember that pain is not the end of the story.”

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THE ROCKS CRY OUT!



By **Jonathan Moore**

I recently came across something I'd never noticed before in the last chapter of Joshua.

Then Joshua wrote these words in the scroll of the Torah of God. Also he took a great stone and set it up there under the oak that was by the Sanctuary of the LORD. Joshua said to all the people, "Behold, this stone will be a witness to us. For it has heard all the words of the LORD which He has spoken to us. So it will be a witness to you, lest you deny your God." (Joshua 24:26-27 emphasis added)

The rock... heard. The rock was called a witness because it heard the words of the Lord. Then I began thinking about all the different stories and amazing miracles that rocks have witnessed in the Bible.

- The stones from the bottom of the Jordan River when the children of Israel first crossed into The Promised Land.
- Or the stones of the walls of Jericho which fell at the trumpet sound and shout of the people.
- Or the smooth stones David held and with which he killed Goliath.
- Or the stones of Elijah's altar which felt the fire come from heaven to consume the offering.
- Or what about the Jerusalem stones at the Temple which heard Yeshua speak?

When Yeshua came near the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began to rejoice. They praised God with a loud voice for all the miracles they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of Adonai! Shalom in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples!"

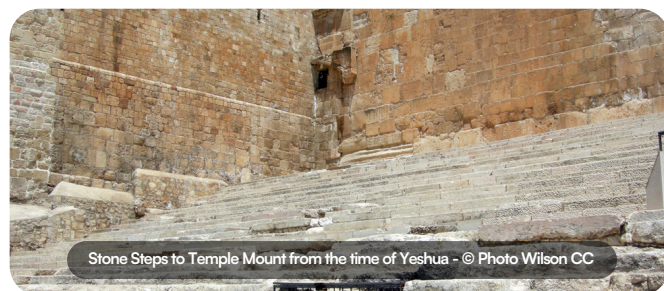
But answering, Yeshua said, "I tell you that if these keep silent, the stones will shout out!"

I now look differently at rocks. I think about the amazing stories the rocks of Israel have witnessed.

- I think about what **my kitchen countertops** have heard. Have they heard me praying in the spirit?
- Have **my fireplace rocks** heard me read my Bible aloud? What would they give witness to if they could speak?
- Will I allow rocks to shout out, or will I declare Yeshua boldly with my own mouth?

Congregational News & Prayer Updates

- On the 15th day of the war, we began to meet in person again. We had to be creative to honor the restrictions while still getting together physically. We are currently experiencing a sweetness in the spirit that feels fresh and renewed.
- We have had a few new people request to become members of the congregation the last couple weeks! Growing as a congregation... during war?!
- Recently we had the joy of celebrating the amazing redemptive marriage of "E" and "C".
- We have counted off the seven weeks in great anticipation of Shavuot/Pentecost, celebrated in an evening of worship with many other congregations in Jerusalem.
- Thanks for your prayers for "M" and "N". He has been able to come back from the army base quite a bit more and was even able to attend Shabbat services. They just had their first baby.
- Pray for possible plans for a trip to serve the Iranian underground leaders in November (location not shared intentionally).



Stone Steps to Temple Mount from the time of Yeshua - © Photo Wilson CC

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DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM SNAPSHOT



By **Revive Israel**

We're writing to you from the desert. The second week of the discipleship program has been unfolding here, and these past few days have been set apart in a different way. Being in the desert changes the pace of things. It quiets things down and creates space to meet with the Lord.

Yesterday, we sent each of the students out on their own. No phones, no conversations. Just a few passages from Romans and time alone with God. For a few hours, everything stopped. In a generation where there is always noise, this kind of quiet is rare. But it is in that place that something begins to open up. When they came back, you could see it. Not everything was said, but something had happened.

We've been studying through the book of Romans together and have reached chapter 8. These chapters have been speaking deeply about Yeshua's atonement and the forgiveness of sins, not just as something to understand, but something to receive personally. There is a real hunger among the students for the Word of God, and you can see how seriously they are engaging with Him.

During one of our hikes, we stopped at a Bedouin tent of a woman we've visited before. She is Muslim, and she always welcomes us warmly. This time, the students themselves stepped forward. One by one, they prayed for her and blessed her. It wasn't planned; it just spontaneously came from them.

Even as we write this, they are still praying for her. This is something that is very much on our hearts, to carry the Good News not only in teaching, but in how we live, how we pray, and how we give what God places in our hands.

These days in the desert have reminded us of something simple but easy to forget, the privilege of being with God. Not doing, not striving, just being with Him and knowing that He is here.



As we continue to hear each person's story, we are reminded how much they carry. There is real pain in many of their lives. But already, we are beginning to see God meet them in those places. Gently, but clearly. And we believe He will continue.

Back at the farm, life continues as well. The Friday market continues to grow. More people are reaching out, asking to come and be part of it. New stands are joining children's books, baked goods, and more. It's becoming something more than a market. People come, they stay, they talk. There is a sense of joy in the gathering.

The students are enjoying taking part by helping, serving, and stepping into what needs to be done.



If you can, please stand with us in prayer:

- Pray that what began in the desert would go deep and remain.
- Pray for healing in the places where there has been pain.
- Pray that our students would continue to respond to what God is speaking to them.
- Pray for the Friday market, that it would continue to be a place where people come and encounter something real.

Thank you for walking with us through all of this.

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