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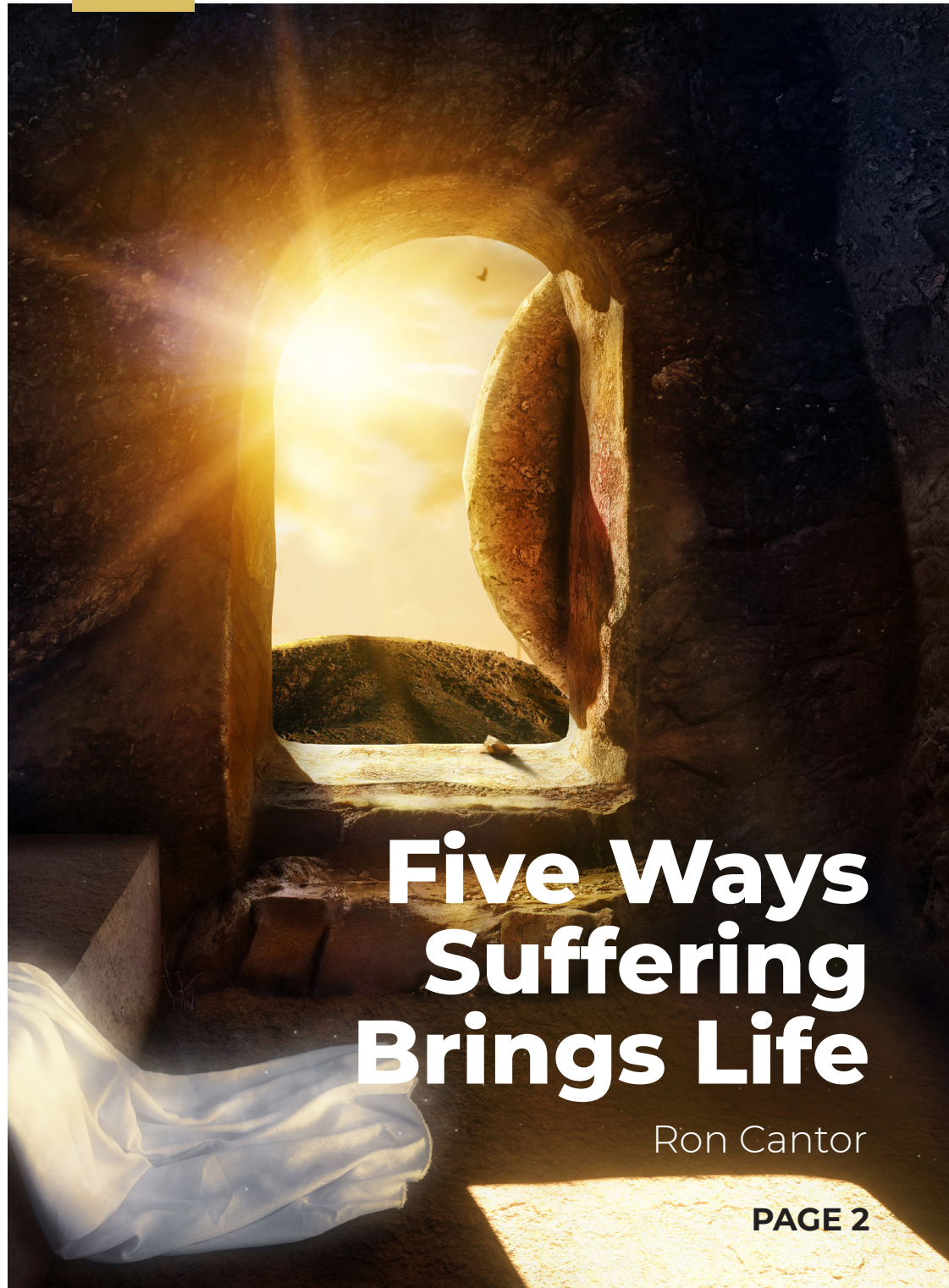
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# 40 Days of Fire

Dear Friend,

Would you like to help us equip young Israelis for ministry, this summer?

In August, **Revive Israel will begin an intensive, full-time, 14-hour-a-day, 40-day training program** to strengthen and invest in young Israelis who yearn to grow closer to God, connect with the Holy Spirit, grow in character and become more like Yeshua. We are calling it 40 Days of Fire!

Afterward, they will return with tools to help them excel every day in their walk with Yeshua—at their work, in their family, in Israeli society and in their community.

Basic values of the program:

- Learning to prefer others and teamwork (Philippians 2:1-4)
- Developing a servant heart (Romans 12-11)
- Crucifying the flesh (Galatians 2: 20)
- Baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire (Matthew 3: 11)

The program includes agricultural working hours combined with daily spiritual activities. Students will be able to work and digest what they learned while listening to God and connecting with his creation (Romans 1:20). In creation itself, there is a place of peace, joy and health in working the land. Nothing builds perseverance and strong character like physical labor—and then, to see the fruit of that labor. So many of Yeshua's parables were about farming, and Israel was rebirthed 70 years ago by professionals who left Europe and became farmers.

By working in a family atmosphere and modest-sized group, students will have the opportunity to open up with each other. They will have a daily routine including agricultural work, times of prayer and praise, Bible study and joint reading, and practical service at two ministry centers (in the Tel Aviv and Jerusalem). The practical service will be in collaboration with congregations and organizations that help the poor and needy—believers and non-believers alike.

This effort will be led by Revive Israel's Yuval and Valerie Yanai and Tal Haroni in collaboration with the leadership of Revive Israel and Eagle/Nesher.

Would you work with us in this 40 Days of Fire? Just think, one of the young people you invest in could end up pastoring a congregation, becoming a Hebrew-speaking evangelist, or becoming a workplace-witness for Yeshua. Your support is essential.

Please pray for protection for the students, and for unity and discernment for the team.

Can I also invite you to help pay for housing, food, transportation and some basic farm equipment?

If 120 of you feel led to participate with \$100 each, we can make this vision into reality.

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With much appreciation,  
Ron Cantor,  
CEO, Tikkun Global

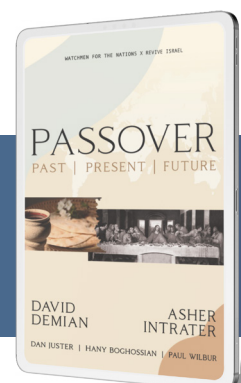
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# Five Ways Suffering Brings Life

By Ron Cantor



One of my favorite verses is Philippians 3:10. Here Paul is in prison, yet instead of asking God to rescue him from prison he says:

**I want to know Messiah—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.**

Most people read the first part of that verse and stop. But consider this, in order to receive resurrection power, you must first die. No one has ever been raised from the dead who wasn't first dead! We embrace this death—entering into His sufferings—by suffering for the Gospel.

Here are five spiritual benefits of suffering:

## 1. With Suffering Comes Intimacy.

There is a level of intimacy with Yeshua that can only be attained through suffering. Paul equates knowing the Messiah with participating in His suffering.

## 2. Yeshua Invites us to Suffer with Him.

I went through a particularly painful situation many years ago. It was so difficult, I thought I was finished in ministry. I knew I could defend myself in that situation, and many encouraged me to do so. But Yeshua's word to me was, *"I am inviting you to die with me."* The minute I said yes, peace entered my soul, and I knew He would vindicate me. And He did within just a few months. I would have short-circuited His intervention had I defended myself.

## 3. Suffering Brings Maturity.

In Bible College we had a young 'prophet' come and minister. He was 18 and clearly anointed, but our director warned us that only the *years* bring wisdom. He was exposed as a homosexual a few years later. Joseph as a teen had a prophetic gift, but he was too immature to use it. By speaking unwisely to his brothers he ended up as a slave—then a prisoner. After many years and trials he was finally mature enough for the calling. His suffering prepared him and in the span of a few hours he became the most powerful man on earth.

## 4. The Greater the Call, the Greater the Suffering.

King David received the call to be king as a youth. For a while things seemed to progress smoothly: invited to play harp for Saul, killed Goliath, became a general and even got a promise from the rightful heir, Jonathan, to become king in his place. And then suddenly King Saul wanted to kill him. For a decade he suffered as he ran from Saul. But in the end, this all served to prepare him. The older, more mature David had two chances to kill Saul, but wouldn't. He had grown and shortly thereafter became king.

## 5. From Death Comes Life.

Paul says in 1 Corinthians 4:10-12 that when we embrace death for the Gospel, it will produce life in our listeners. All the suffering he endured for the Gospel released a powerful anointing on his efforts to preach the Good News. My family lived a year in Ukraine not long after the revolution. We battled an apartment full of fleas, a bathroom that spewed out sewage through our floor every night and threats from the Mafia. It was hard! But in the end, we left behind a new congregation that has flourished until this day.

While suffering is far from enjoyable, there is simply no other way to become all that **God has called you to be.**

# What's Up With 2020?

## Matters of the Heart



By **Avi Tekle**

Oh when is this going to end? I had a hunch in my spirit that 2020 would not be as great as some prophesied, but I honestly was not expecting what we are all witnessing today. Pandemic, social distancing, economical unrest, the evil of racism, anger, violence and epic losses. These are all accumulating into a mountain of broken hearts and human mistrust. I can't wait to say goodbye to 2020, lie down in green pastures and have Him restore my soul beside the still waters.

Unfortunately, it's only July. Half of 2020 still awaits. So I am asking now like my hero Martin Luther King asked, *"Where do we go from here: chaos or community?"* He asked that question after achieving great progress through non-violent marches. The Voting Rights Bill of 1965 was the result. When signing the bill, President Johnson declared that, "Today is a triumph for freedom as huge as any victory that's ever been won on any battlefield ... today we strike away the last major shackle of ... fierce and ancient bonds."

But a year later, the backlash came in Chicago with a "thunder of jeering thousands" amid a riotous rain of rocks, bottles, burning automobiles and Nazi flags, as King recounted in his autobiography.

All the challenges we face point to one address: **our hearts!** It is easy to contest an unjust law, but more difficult to change the heart. If change doesn't start from the heart, then legislating a law is like burying a dangerous animal that is still alive.

What our heart finds hard to change or release, are false narratives. False narratives use the force of stories to enter our hearts, but then poison us with untrue assumptions. The other reason it is hard to let go of false narratives, is that they usually come down to us from those we consider our kinsmen.

I speak to all – whites, blacks, Jews, Gentiles, males, females, young and old – we all need to take a hard look at our past and to correct those false narratives.

Let's open a clean page titled "God's family on earth." May He help us all! This honest look may bring us to our knees. It may cause us to see others in a new light. It may cause us to repent, but mostly I pray it will turn us to the heart of the Father. There we will hear afresh ancient instructions, with a renewed heart. **"He has shown you, O man, what is good ... what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?"** (Micah 6:8)

We also need to speak up. In the midst of injustice, silence only makes things worse. It happened when the Nazis began plotting their mass cleansing of Jews. So will it be in our day if we sit in our comfortable armchair of indifference and remain silent. *I believe we should sound a clear trumpet call.* Let's speak against bigotry and violence, proclaiming the sacredness of all humans as bearers of the image of God.



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# Affliction, Hope & Relief



By Guy Cohen

**“Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble...”**  
(Psalm 102:2).

Psalm 102:1-12 is the prayer of a man in the midst of suffering. We can identify with him. He is bringing his complaints, fears and sorrows before God. He feels pressure from many directions. He speaks specifically about his enemies and also his physical body. On the other hand we get the impression that part of the problem is that the writer feels distanced from God.

Whatever the reason, whether it was a personal struggle on David's part or whether God was displeased with his actions and was waiting for repentance; this is a dangerous place for anyone to be in.

How is it possible to come before God in this situation? We see the *dryness of his physical, mental and spiritual being*. David needs water. He needs the presence of the Holy Spirit from whom he drew his very life. The birds referenced are those that inhabit deserts and ruined places, symbols of death and destruction (verse 6).

Interestingly David describes the sense of feeling alone like a bird perching on a roof (verse 7). When is David pictured as being alone on a roof? It was when he saw Bathsheba, and where did that lead him? David fell into that situation by not being where he was supposed to be.

The depth of David's suffering is pictured as his tears fill his drinking cup (verse 9). Everyone is against him. Where else in the Word do we read of someone being scorned? We see Yeshua in this very place, calling out to Abba from a place of emptiness, far from God, a place of suffering when all but a few had turned against Him. **“My God, My God, why have you forsaken me? Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning?”** (Psalm 22:1; Matthew 27:46)

This is a place of transparent weakness and even doubt, in which we too may find ourselves. In verse 12 we see the “click” in David as he turns to God. **“But you, O LORD shall endure forever, and the remembrance of your name to all generations...”**

The change comes through proclaiming who God is and what He has promised. This Psalm is not written as one person's suffering only, but for all of us. No one is immune to times of struggle, testing and sorrow. God wants us to turn to and lean on Him.

Who are the prisoners mentioned here and what are the prisons in verse 20? Fear of death is one of the greatest prisons of all for those who are not living under God's refuge. He takes us beyond the pressures of this world. When we enter into praise and worship, we give thanks to God and are filled with His Spirit. We find the way to climb out of our confusion, fear and doubt.

In this place we go from a bird alone on a roof to being “renewed” like an eagle soaring above all situations (Isaiah 40:29-31; Psalm 103:5).

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# Defeat, Victory or Just a Good Lesson?

By Leon Mazin

This season has been hard, and some families have experienced real disaster. Nevertheless, I read a recent comment that was said by a Jew who had been a teenager during WWII. “We were hiding from the Nazis in the basements without food and water, while you are sitting in your homes with full refrigerators.”

This is something to think about and definitely puts many of our challenges in perspective. For me personally, I cannot describe these two months in any other way, than as a chance for re-evaluation, given to us by God. Many believers ask how can trials, sickness and death “work together for good?” This is not an easy question, especially for those who grew up under the influence of Prosperity Theology.

The truth of the Scriptures is that in the “arsenal” of the Creator there is both good AND evil. He can use both of these to accomplish His purposes. Isaiah 45:7 says, **“I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil; I, the Lord, do all these things.”**

We must see the eternity of good that God has prepared for those who love Him. Asaph was depressed, but then received a revelation. **“For I was envious of the foolish when I saw the prosperity of the wicked; ... When I thought to understand this, it was too painful for me, Until I went into the sanctuary of God. Then I understood their end.”** (Psalm 73:3, 1-17) The “end” speaks of the eternal condition which awaits each one of us upon our death.

Sometimes we are called to walk with God through very difficult places. I write these words for those who are in doubt and who ask, “Where has God been?”

And here is the answer:

God is always close-by, and He desires to grant us mercy. But sometimes the daily routine absorbs our attention so much that He makes use of the fears and horrors of this world, which the world suffers because of the sins of humanity. And through this He is returning His lost children to Himself!

**“Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you.”** (Isaiah 60:1-2)

## *Something a Bit Less Dramatic*

At Return to Zion, we have begun thinking about the importance of weekday worship. We did not have such a practice before we were all forced to stay at home. It was completely unexpected, but our people gathered in front of the computer screens on Mondays and worshipped with their children. And the Holy Spirit moved!

A whole movement of online lessons has begun, and by the grace of the Lord, we are seeing a big increase in viewers. Please pray for our hands to be strengthened and for the needed initiative and wisdom for those who are jealous for the Lord in Israel—to do His work!

We are in prayer for you as well. We ask our Heavenly Father for mercy for your homes! We ask God for everyone to exit the quarantine with moral and economic dignity and to continue to be a light!

We love you and value your friendship,  
Leon and Nina Mazin



# Together?



By Eitan Shishkoff

As an American teenager I had an unusual goal. I longed for world peace to come about. It was obvious that we as humanity were not “fitting” together. This pursuit took me from the anti-war demonstrations of the 1960s to a farming commune in the high mountains of New Mexico. Yet not until Jesus found me, did I find the world’s only hope for peace among the nations, for He is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). I had been a humanist, unaware of a personal, divine Creator. Consequently, I was thrilled and fulfilled to find Him as the Source of my long-standing conviction—that every human being is of equal and exquisite value.

**Through the Scriptures I became more aware of my Jewish heritage and its meaning in the larger plan of God.** This awareness in no way separated me from my non-Jewish brothers and sisters in Messiah. On the contrary, it enriched our sense of shared significance in the Kingdom. I first experienced this during Passover celebrations that highlighted the presence of Yeshua in the ancient feast. That our Savior was sacrificed during Passover, just as the lambs in times

of old, revealed the interwoven truths of the Old and New Testaments for all of us.

In time, we realized that our destiny was to live in Israel. Again, God’s Word was our roadmap. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and their fellow prophets spoke of a regathering of the Jewish people after long exile, back to the land promised to Abraham. From the time Israel became our permanent home, in 1992, our Christian friends from around the world have supported us and cheered us on. They’ve expressed joy and gratitude that God’s words of covenant are being fulfilled at last.

Their encouragement and unfeigned friendship touched me deeply—so much that I began searching the Scriptures to discover the significance of this relationship. What I uncovered became a book about the essential bond of Israel and the nations, of Jewish and Gentile disciples of Yeshua.\* Based on the partnership of King Solomon and King Hiram in building God’s House of worship in Jerusalem (1Kings 5), I wrote about our shared calling to see Israel restored to her Messiah and to see the nations revived

in His Spirit. I wrote about worshipping Him together.

I, as a father, hold each of my children in the highest value. I see the uniqueness of each of my sons and daughters. **In the same way, our Heavenly Father prizes His sons and daughters equally, each one with their distinctive personality and ancestry. Our gifts and callings are different, yet complimentary. Neither Israel nor the nations have anything of which to boast. As we cooperate with Him, the Prince of Peace will reconcile us to Himself and then to each other. That’s how we can truly come together.**

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# Kingdom Seed – Spirit, Soul and Body



By Sarah Singerman

Have you ever seen one of those personalized world maps? The entire surface of the map is coated with a single “scratchable” color. Each time you visit a new country you scrape off that layer, revealing the color underneath. I believe the heavenly blueprint of the Kingdom of God is similar – fully there though unseen, and step by step the Lord is unveiling each facet, each nation, generation and color of His kingdom on earth.

Actually, we see progressive stages of the kingdom unfolding on earth from Genesis to Revelation. Yeshua explained it as a seed growing until the full ripening of harvest in Mark 4:26-28:

**“The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground ... and the seed sprouts and grows ... For the earth yields crops ... first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head.”**

The seed carries the full DNA of each tree or plant. As it goes through the process of burial – watering – growth – blossoming – ripening, eventually its full form is revealed, though it was all present from the start.

## 1. Spirit: Already here!

From the moment we accepted Yeshua as our king, I believe our spirits fully entered into the kingdom reality. The seed of the full kingdom DNA is birthed inside our core and works its way outward from there, just as physical seed eventually sprouts and grows above the surface.

## 2. Soul: At Hand!

The soul realm includes our thoughts, desires, emotions and character. I believe the kingdom is “at hand” in these aspects, and each day we have the choice to live in the Kingdom of God (watering the seed planted in our spirits), or in the kingdom of self. This leads us to the fruit of the spirit in our lives, holiness, humility and surrender to the Holy Spirit’s leading.

Many of the kingdom aspects we pray for and see unfold today are in the spirit and soul realm: unity and love in our hearts among the global family of God (Yeshua’s prayer in John 17), salvation and revival in people’s spirits, etc. For example, a beautiful Egyptian sister of mine reads Isaiah 19 and says, “Me and my friends are Egypt; we are the highway” – meaning the spiritual prophecies take on flesh through us

as we walk in love and unity between Egypt, Assyria and Israel. For sure, our hearts and spirits are one level of bringing the kingdom to earth, but not the full picture!

## 3. Body: Yet to Come!

The final goal of the Kingdom of God is oneness between earth and heaven (Ephesians 1:10). We pray for this to come in every area of our lives, our physical bodies, finances, careers, media, entertainment, science, politics etc. However, only when Yeshua returns to earth will we see the full Kingdom here – creation and society restored to its original, perfect design.

**“Your Kingdom come ... on earth as it is in heaven”** has become a part of our prayers and songs almost daily. But, let’s not leave it as a theoretical wish, a package waiting to be opened on the day of His return. Let’s open that package contained in the seed in our spirits, and ask the Holy Spirit how our spirits, souls and bodies can release the kingdom on earth around us today.





# I Survived Lockdown in Israel

My Three Months in the Land During Covid-19



By Felipe Hasegawa

Hi! I am a 33 year-old man, born in Brazil, to a Japanese father and a Lebanese-Italian mother. I am a naturalized American who serves Israel with all of his heart. Yep. You read it right. The only Jewish part of me is Yeshua Himself, and I believe I qualify to be president of the “Gentiles International!” My cultural “flexibility” helped me survive three months in Israel during the Corona lockdown in early 2020.

As director of communications for Tikkun Global and Revive Israel, I had already planned to visit our Israeli offices. Then Ron Cantor called me and said: “*Felipe, Israel might close its borders. See if you can fly out today.*” The airline moved me to the 6pm flight that very evening. You should have heard me “huff and puff” as I threw clothes in a suitcase, grabbed my passport and ordered an Uber for the airport.

Ben Gurion Airport was a ghost town. There was a chill in the atmosphere. I finally arrived at Jeremiah’s home near Revive Israel just west of Jerusalem. In a matter of hours, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu began closing down the country to a near total lockdown.

I was fascinated to see how Israelis reacted. The population complied with official restriction orders surprisingly well (especially considering that the normal Israeli personality is quite independent). I quickly realized Israel is a nation of warriors, and it behaves as such. As Asher Intrater told me: “*We are too accustomed to crises.*” I kept a close watch on how the US and Brazil handled the pandemic.

The comparison of how different leaders led and people groups responded to authority became a priceless leadership lesson for me. In no time, the population was tucked in as we braced ourselves for the worst.

My ambitious plans to visit every Tikkun-affiliated congregation and ministry were cancelled. Instead I focused on getting to know my co-workers and helping “hum” the media and global relations departments. During this “shut in” time with the staff, I saw:

- The abundant and fruitful evidence of a sacrificial lifetime work of Asher and Betty Intrater for the sake of the Gospel in the Land of Israel.
- A bona fide Israeli ministry, operating in Hebrew, making disciples of Jews and Arabs.
- A powerful presence of the Holy Spirit of God in every gathering, event, prayer meeting, and study I was privileged to participate in.
- An organization that operates by faith with high levels of stewardship,
- A family-team eager to bless the nations of the Earth with the Gospel.

It was a joy to experience Purim, Passover, Holocaust Remembrance Day, Memorial Day, Israel’s Independence Day and Shavuot in Israel. It is also a privilege to play a small part in what God is doing through Tikkun and Revive Israel. I am eager to help others develop relationship with our ministry family. We as the nations of the Earth, have been blessed through Abraham – with the Savior, the Ekklesia and the Bible. Let’s be a blessing back in return (Genesis 12:3).

Thank you for your readership, love, and partnership to see Israel restored!

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2. Setting in order; making straight
3. World redemption [Jewish tradition] - the final restoration of the world in harmony with God.

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