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The End Times Reconciliation of the World



By Ariel Blumenthal

The Bible has a lot to say about the Resurrection from the dead – both Yeshua’s and ours at the end of the age. To bring the dead to life in full glory is something the whole creation is yearning for (Romans 8:18-23). We will be raised in a resurrection body that is as different from this one as the fully mature wheat plant is so much more “glorious” than a simple grain of wheat. This new, heavenly body is imperishable, glorious, powerful, and spiritual. Yeshua himself is the resurrection, He is God’s **“first fruits of the harvest from the dead”** (John 11:25; 1 Corinthians 15:23-44).

What could possibly be compared to this incredible hope, this awesome power that is at the core of our faith? What would it mean to say that something is actually *like* the resurrection from the dead? Actually, there is one place in Scripture where such a comparison is made, as it describes the restoration of Gospel faith among the Jewish people in Romans 11:15: **“what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?”**

Life from the Dead

In Romans 11:12 and 11:15 the Apostle Paul essentially says the same thing two different ways: the majority rejection of Yeshua by the Jewish people in the 1st century is described as “transgression,” “failure,” and “rejection.” But in the mystery of God’s plan, because of His covenant faithfulness, even this terrible hardening and judgement of Israel results in amazing “riches” and “reconciliation” for the nations (Gentiles). And then, as Paul looks into a prophetic time tunnel toward the end of the age, foreseeing the time of Israel’s restoration and “acceptance,” he declares that this can only signal a “how much more” period of riches and reconciliation for the world that is – in its awesome power and drama – akin to “life from the dead,” a kind of resurrection!

Beloved, this is exactly what we have been experiencing. As Israel, the Jewish nation, has been gradually restored over the last 150 years, both physically and spiritually through the Gospel

of Yeshua, we have witnessed the greatest expansion of worldwide Christianity since the 1st century. Missions, church growth, Bible translations and various prayer movements have been expanding at an exponential rate. All of this is the “how much more” of verses 12 and 15.

We are Living in an Amazing time of the Restoration!

Over the last several years in the Gathering movement, we have been experiencing this special grace for “the reconciliation of the world.” As Asher Intrater has written, this has even come to touch very deep issues in the 4000 year old relational dynamics within the Abrahamic family in the Middle East.

Just a few years ago, if you had told me that we would have such meetings with so many Egyptian leaders; and that the Holy Spirit would lead us together into prophetically removing strongholds that have plagued our peoples and region for thousands of years; even from the time of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Ishmael, and Isaac – **well..I would have said you were crazy! But it is happening!**

We are living in this amazing time of the restoration (and reconciliation!) of all things spoken about by the holy prophets (Acts 3:21), like Isaiah’s promise for Egypt, Assyria, and Israel, as it begins to be fulfilled through a remnant from each nation (Isaiah 19:23-25).



No One can Snatch Them...



By **Guy Cohen**

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.”

(John 10:27-29)

What comfort and security we can find in Yeshua's words. No one can snatch us from His hand.

This brings me to the Apostle Paul's words in Romans 8:38-39; *“For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come...shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Messiah Yeshua our Lord.”*

Nothing can separate us from the love of God, yet how often do we take these scriptures to mean that nothing bad will ever happen to us? Does this mean that we will not experience difficult times? Romans 8:35-36 describes what we may go through before coming to verse 37: *“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”* What does it mean to be a conqueror?

Our victory is in Him, not in our own strength and ability, because He is greater than anything that may come against us. Do we believe this? Is it a reality for us? As we look with the eyes of Yeshua, we see this reality; we see the big picture. Therefore, when we are in the midst of the testing, trials and tribulations, we can be confident because we know how it ends. Yeshua has conquered sin and death. He is the one who gives us the victory.

“Our Mothers” Initiative Update

This program helps mothers in our city, from difficult economic situations, to attend college and improve their family situations. Harvest of Asher works with the local Akko welfare office on this and other humanitarian aid projects. In the first year, thanks to your donations, we have been able to sponsor 10 mothers in the program, and now in the second year, even more mothers are being enrolled!

This program is good in many ways: The municipality leadership is involved. The welfare office is attendant to the needs of the families, helping them find employment. Each of the mothers is required to give 140 hours volunteering in hospitals, etc. Once a month the mothers gather for mutual support in a family-like atmosphere. The program includes half Arab mothers and half Jewish.

We have been asked to give matching funds. The total cost per mother per year is \$3000. We are covering half of this for the first batch of mothers, and we already have the funds to continue covering them in their second year!

However, *we were just asked by the city if we can help another 10 mothers start their studies this year with matching funds at \$1500 for each mother for a total of \$15,000. If you feel moved to help these mothers and their families by equipping them to provide for themselves*, please donate to our general fund through the links below. Thank you!



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So Much Grace



By **Leora Mazorovsky**

Since 2007, Tents of Mercy and Beltway Church have been partnering together on an annual five-day summer sleepaway camp for elementary aged children. During the Covid 19 crisis which closed our borders to visitors and prevented large local gatherings, we were unexpectedly compelled to take a two year hiatus. Last year we re-started the camp and it was wonderful, if a bit bumpy after all that time off.

But this year was amazing! We had almost 80 children representing 10 congregations - playing, learning and worshiping together. The local staff, counselors and volunteers worked smoothly together providing a nurturing environment to communicate this year's theme: **Words Build Us Up** (*Milim Bonot* - מילים בנות).

The evening sessions of worship and teaching were particularly outstanding. Our counselors led worship most mornings and evenings and did a great job. But the kids' response was phenomenal. They participated enthusiastically in singing and dancing in a way that I've never seen before and then listened attentively to the speakers as they shared personal stories about the power of words in their own lives.

We were all blessed and moved to be able to join in what the Spirit was doing through our children as they worshiped with such intensity. A week later I was speaking to the grandmother of some of the campers. She told me the children came back and told her their favorite part of the camp was the worship. What a testimony!

One of the songs that we sang on repeat was “**So Much Grace**”* (*Kama Hesed* – כמה חסד).* I think the words sum up how we all felt as we concluded this special week together:

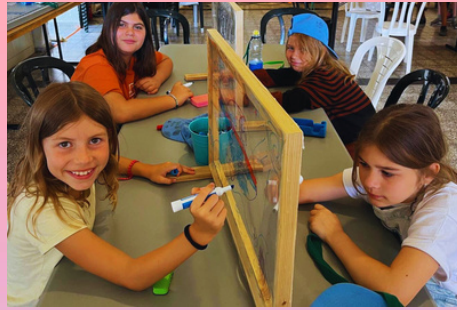
“I have seen His work in my life, and I know that it is only by grace that I am here. So much grace has been given to me!”

*Can be found on YouTube under the same title or with this [link](#) Song and Lyrics by Beresheet Israel.



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Not By Might



By **Leon Mazin**

Brothers and sisters in Yeshua, greetings! I want to express my gratitude for your prayers and support of our ministry.

Let's turn again to the book of Zechariah, chapter 4. In the previous chapter and my previous article, the prophet encouraged Yehoshua, the high priest. Now the prophet is sent to speak to Zerubbabel. The entire leadership structure of Israel during that time was morally devastated. Without the intervention of the prophet, their survival was uncertain.

Interestingly, the prophet sees a revelation of two olive branches and a menorah, symbolizing the cooperation of the Jewish people and other nations serving the Lord God. The oil from these olives represents the active manifestation of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

With this imagery, the prophet proceeds to uplift Zerubbabel. Although not a king, Zerubbabel, a descendant of King David, was appointed as the leader of the people by the king of Babylon. The restoration of Israel and the manifestation of the Holy Spirit depended on his actions. However, Zerubbabel was emotionally depleted and unable to fulfill his ministry. Then the Lord speaks to him, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel, saying: it is not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6).

This example is applicable to each of us, particularly in the tumultuous spiritual times in which we live. While we may strive to do the work of the Lord, we are still human. We plan and exert effort, but challenges often drain our strength. Nevertheless, God assures us (in my own paraphrase):



“I will assist you. Keep trying and moving forward, but do not rely solely on your own capabilities to accomplish spiritual work..Look to Me, and I will aid you. It will be done by My Spirit!”

As for the ministry of “Return to Zion,” we have been in the summer vacation season. We encouraged our congregation to rest, but at the same time we are continuing with humanitarian projects and the welcoming of new immigrants. This August, fifteen of our youth participated in the Eagle Project course in Norway, marking their first return after the pandemic. We appreciate your prayers for the next stages of life for those who went.

Additionally, we are actively negotiating for a building to house our new congregation plant – an important project. The Word instructs us, “*spread to the right and to the left.*” The team is prepared, and we desire to provide them with everything they need! Please pray for anointing and guidance. (The repairs and first year of the lease may cost us \$100,000.) Pray for the ability to effectively manage all aspects of renovation. Also, pray for the successful acquisition of all necessary documents from the municipality, so that our network of congregations may be used by the Lord to further the Gospel in Israel.

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Higher Authority – A Personal Testimony



By **Jonah**

I moved to Israel from Ethiopia at age 6 together with my parents.

We started in an absorption center and then moved to an apartment in Jerusalem. I was brought up in a household of faith in Yeshua in the 1980s when Messianic Judaism still felt almost like being in a tiny underground movement, and religious persecution was common.

At age 18, I was drafted into compulsory IDF service. There, I went to a combat commander's course and afterward officer training school. As a believer, I wanted to have a good influence on the soldiers around me and under my command. Soon I signed on to continue as a career officer. I felt it was a calling. Some of my positions involved training young soldiers. As I rose up through the ranks of authority, I was exposed to dreadful situations – such as the aftermath of suicide terror bombings, with dead bodies, and children still alive but with limbs severed by the explosions. This was around the year 2001.

In spite of the horror, I felt I needed to keep on serving. But I began to question:

"Why? Why is this happening?"

In my crisis I was drawn to deal with the pressure the way my fellow soldiers did, drinking in order to calm our nerves, and I drifted away from the faith.

The security challenges became even more difficult as I became responsible for hundreds of soldiers and policemen. What gave me a measure of stability during this hard time, was the values I had learned in my believing home: Love. Sacrificial giving. Caring for others. Living for a higher calling. And love of the land of Israel.

I had almost been killed several times due to stray bullets. Four times, the military vehicles I was in overturned and were totaled, but I emerged unharmed. One day my father said:

"If you are having doubts about faith, and if you want to check it out, come with me to Africa for one week, and see if God will speak to you."

My father knew this was my chance to encounter God, to re-examine who I was. I agreed to go. In Africa, we attended several conferences. I saw miracles, supernatural healings in front of my eyes. A man we did not know spoke to me, prophetically in public. He said he had something urgent to tell me. He told me that in spite of my considerable salary and honor in the armed forces, that if I were to continue 4 more months in those dangerous roles I would die. He told me that the enemy had tried to take me out 11 times.

I was in shock at this and other words of knowledge. I repented and received the Lord anew. Then I retired from the armed forces.

While adjusting to civilian life, Congregation Ahavat Yeshua reached out to me and embraced me. I felt God sent them to me as part of his plan. Over time it became clear that God had prepared me to serve in full-time ministry. Now, I help lead the congregation, and share with the young people about the identity of belonging to God within the Israeli context. I am married with four young children. My family is a great blessing. My wife also serves in helping and counseling needy families. Together, our heart is especially for young couples.

Ahavat Yeshua Congregation in Jerusalem

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Revive Israel Update



By Valerie Yanay

We are overjoyed and proud of Liel. She has successfully completed her third year of nursing school while also being a dedicated mother to two little boys. It's truly inspiring to witness her commitment to serving the Lord by helping others. From a young age, she has felt the calling to make a difference in people's lives; and now, she's turning that passion into a reality by studying to be a hospital nurse. What a blessed year it has been for her to finish her studies and embark on this journey of shining a beacon of light in Israeli society.

We also want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Neveen, who has completed her studies in organic agriculture with great success. We are incredibly grateful for all the hard work she has put in throughout the year.

We are delighted to see the young people who have gone through our discipleship training schools, grow and serve the Lord with a heart of integrity and faithfulness. Two years ago, we welcomed a young woman named Tali, who had just met Yeshua as her Savior. It had been three months. Since then, she has grown tremendously with Yeshua, become stronger, and returned to serve in her city with a youth ministry. She gives with all her heart; and it is a delight to see her faithfulness and dedication to the Lord.

This week, we had the joy of welcoming Tali and her entire youth group to the farm for a day of work, and above all, sharing moments of worship and going deep into the Word. We are delighted to see these young people growing stronger in Him. Like little shoots, they need a favorable environment to bear good fruit. This is what we are praying and hoping to bring about through our community and on the farm.



Trip to France

Our recent youth trip to France was wonderful! The vision is to get them out of their comfort zone, with youth they do not know, and to have a ministry journey together where they can get closer to Yeshua. We had 16 young teenagers from believing families, and 5 students from our discipleship school, along with our staff families and members of our community, making a total of 30 people. When we started our journey, most of the young people had not met each other. Our first stay was at the Moulin, where the warm welcome from the community helped us get acquainted. Many young individuals opened their hearts in this place of vulnerability, creating deep connections. Then, we traveled to the conference, where we met with friends, received teachings, and gained insights to share with our youth. Meeting other French youth was a transformative experience, and the Lord worked miracles as hearts were consecrated.

This ten-day trip was filled with special moments. One day our mixed Jewish/Arab group shared the gospel on the street with French citizens. Another day included some of our youth from Israel being immersed in water, and many others experienced repentance and consecration.

