

Hanukah, Kislev 25. 5777 and Christmas, December 25. 2016

Shalom Dear Friends of the Still Small Voice: "For in You is the fountain of life; in Your Light we see light." Ps 36: 9

I wonder if David was hiding out in a dark cave when he was inspired to create the words and music for this psalm?

"It is an exceedingly good land..." Numbers 14:7

Winter rains have begun, bringing new life to the parched land. The Sea of Galilee is up 5 cms. Today I was overjoyed to gather a sack of almonds, lemons, limes and oranges from our few trees. I look out on 3,000 year old terraces, still fertile. What a silent but marvellous lesson in fruitfulness is this Holy land. The eyes of the LORD are ever upon it. Deuteronomy 11:12

Living among the families of Israel is a calling in itself. How happy we are to have three of our four sons close by. The fourth is here in spirit and a vital key to our work. Israel is a land of optimists who choose to see current affairs in the light of what the Almighty spoke over Israel.



My neighbour took this photo (rt) when 220 forest fires were eating up homes and forest all across the land. She said she saw "angels" in the sky. She had eyes to see. Miraculously no one died.

Last week our Rabbi taught us about the call of Moses from the Hebrew scriptures. Moses heard God say at the burning bush: "Take your shoes off your feet, this is holy ground." But in the

Hebrew, the root word for feet is the same as the word for "habits." In other words... "Remove or change your habits!" Now that hits home! I hope the willingness to change our habits will bring the slow determined process of inner growth that we are all experiencing? Old habits die hard.

Probably the Magi were the only non-Jews who were aware ahead of time that a new King, was to be born in Judah! They also knew they had to come and honour Him! When Jesus was born, the whole nation missed heavens magnificent visitation. Only a privileged handful of 'nobodies' saw him. These humble hearts bowed before 'greatness' in their midst.



And just as the Creator moved upon the Roman government to dictate far reaching laws that led to the Holy Family returning to Bethlehem, we see the unseen Hand at work. Messiah had to be born in David's city, as it was written by the Micah. And so even today, we can see the Spirit of the Living God influencing peoples and their leaders. This month Germany and Great Britain have outlawed the wicked 'BDS' movement as antiSemitic. What a change after years of blatant lies and abuse. We see the upcoming leadership in the USA calling for 'jobs' for the common man to live decently again. We see confrontation of the 'status quo'. I believe this is the beginning of a new era of prosperity and freedom for faith to flourish globally. Yes! Let the American Embassy come home to Jerusalem, Israel's Eternal Capital. Amen!

Israel is unlike any other land, it is a unique combination of ancient past, intense present and promised future. With war on our northeast border with Syria, hundreds of thousands of missiles in Lebanon, Gaza now selling their weapons to other Arab nations "to destroy Israel" and hateful brainwashing going on in the PA... yes, we as a People, are very aware of our frailties and vulnerabilities. Like Moses, we also know that "If His Presence is not with us we cannot go up!" Dear friends thank you for your solid friendship. Join us now in entreating the Spirit of Grace to continue to hover over this Land, and fill us all up to overflowing in 2017. Let the nations be blessed as a result!



We seldom get to enjoy our extended family, but this summer in Canada, Jay and I were visited by many loved ones; including my eldest brother and three sisters, cousins, aunts and uncles. and Canadian Board members. We were so strengthened being with loved ones. We also consider you as family and thank you for your loving kindness but especially for your faithful prayers for our family and on going work in film, media and for the trafficked in Nepal. Please share our web addresses with all you can, raise awareness. and pray for good success. Photo left: Jay, + part of JVCS Board, Rebecca Entz, Jamie Scoular, Donovan Oriel Fowler.

May you hear the Still Small Voice whisper into your minds and hearts this coming 2017: "...this is the way walk in it!"

May His face shine upon you and give you Peace.

Jay and David, Chris, Josh and Meridel and Daniel Rawlings as in photos below.

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