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# GATES OF ZION

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## **OUCH**

**I**t is very important especially as we get older to stay in shape. I have been working on it and perhaps by the end of this past summer I was in my best physical condition since I was in my 20's. Only a couple of years ago I was suffering from the severe pain of sciatica shooting down my left leg while at the same time my heart was beating irregularly. With prayer and exercise these conditions are now gone! However while I was exercising at the very end of the summer on Labor Day riding my bicycle down the boardwalk on the New Jersey shore I flew off my bike when I braked and landed on the boardwalk with a thud. I guess in the days of my youth I would have gotten up and continued to ride. But on this day I was taken to the emergency room and after x-rays, I was told my shoulder was broken. The following week I was operated on in New York City and the break is slowly and painfully

healing. Please pray I will have full function of my right arm and that the bone heals perfectly.

## **NEW YORK CITY**

The scripture talks about gathering little by little. When we are diligent and take one strategic step at a time we can change the world. When I moved to New York City after living in the former USSR my plan was to establish a Messianic Jewish Congregation in the Big Apple. I have always believed that when we move out in faith God is better able to guide and lead us than if we are frozen and remain stationary risking nothing and going nowhere.

As many of you know we have moved out of Manhattan for the sake of our children and our sanity and now live close to Philadelphia.

Amazingly the Lord is now beginning to open new doors in Manhattan. Go figure! As I have expressed before although New York has more Jewish people than

any other city in the world it only has very few relatively small Messianic Jewish Congregations. While I was living in Manhattan I was gathering a number of Jewish believers and also ministering to Jewish people who do not *yet* know the Messiah. Then it hit me: How can I possibly, although my commitment is strong, reach the three million Jewish people who live within the New York metropolitan area? I knew I had to think bigger and exercise my faith in a way I never did before.

## LEVERAGE

Good businessmen are always looking to see if they can maximize their efforts by working interdependently with others to achieve their goals. This is the principle of leverage. Without a doubt God is the inventor and King of leverage. Hundreds of years before He was born it was prophesied that Messiah was to be a light to the Gentiles. Only days after his birth this was reaffirmed in the temple in Jerusalem.

**LUKE 2: <sup>25</sup> AND BEHOLD, THERE WAS A MAN IN JERUSALEM WHOSE NAME WAS SIMEON, AND THIS MAN WAS JUST AND DEVOUT, WAITING FOR THE CONSOLATION OF ISRAEL,**

**AND THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS UPON HIM.**

**<sup>26</sup> AND IT HAD BEEN REVEALED TO HIM BY THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT HE WOULD NOT SEE DEATH BEFORE HE HAD SEEN THE LORD'S MESSIAH.**

**<sup>27</sup> SO HE CAME BY THE SPIRIT INTO THE TEMPLE. AND WHEN THE PARENTS BROUGHT IN THE CHILD YESHUA, TO DO FOR HIM ACCORDING TO THE CUSTOM OF THE LAW,**

**<sup>28</sup> HE TOOK HIM UP IN HIS ARMS AND BLESSED GOD AND SAID:**

**<sup>29</sup> "LORD, NOW YOU ARE LETTING YOUR SERVANT DEPART IN PEACE, ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD;**

**<sup>30</sup> FOR MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION**

**<sup>31</sup> WHICH YOU HAVE PREPARED BEFORE THE FACE OF ALL PEOPLES,**

**<sup>32</sup> A LIGHT TO *BRING* REVELATION TO THE GENTILES, AND THE GLORY OF YOUR PEOPLE ISRAEL."**

Yet Yeshua spent his entire life in the land of Israel and ministered almost exclusively to his own people. He never traveled to any of the nations.

It was his disciples who were sent out to proclaim the gospel. They were the ones who brought the light of Yeshua to the nations. Through them the gospel spread to the ends of the earth. That is leverage.

Everyone involved in outreach to the Jewish people will tell you how difficult it is. It was only in the former USSR that we literally saw thousands of Jewish people in mass make professions of faith in Yeshua. Nothing even close has happened anywhere in the western world, at least not yet. Although we rejoice whenever even one person enters the Kingdom of God, our prayers are for the Lord to move so powerfully that thousands upon thousands of our people will enter the gates of salvation.

This is why Romans 11:11 has been the hallmark scripture of my ministry since our family returned to the USA from the former Soviet Union. It is the scripture of leverage. The Messianic Jewish Community makes up a mere 1% of the Jewish population. There is no way we alone can reach our people. Romans 11:11

declares, "Salvation has come to the nations to make Israel envious." Now that is leverage.

Imagine when the entire Christian community worldwide embraces Romans 1:11. We are praying and laboring among those who know Messiah so they understand it is God's plan for salvation to be brought back to those who first proclaimed it to the world. Yeshua said, "Salvation is from the Jews." Now is the time for salvation to come from the Gentiles back to the Jews. Since there are infinitesimally so many more Gentiles than Jews, God utilizing the redeemed Gentiles throughout the world to reach the Jewish people is ultimate leverage. Messianic Jews and the entire body of Messiah (whom they are part of) are called to a divine partnership. The Messianic Jewish community is not capable of reaching all Israel. The redeemed among the Gentiles are the very ones God has ordained to bring salvation back to Israel. The Gates of Zion is positioning itself to play whatever role God desires to be part of this great end time drama.

## NORWAY

The Gates of Zion continues to expand in Norway. I visited Norway for perhaps the fourteenth time this past October and November. One by one, churches, especially in the western part of the country, are embracing the mandate to participate in the salvation of Israel.

The Kingdom of God is built through relationships. By the grace of God I have been building relationships with the saints in Norway for over twelve years. My message to our brethren in

Norway is simple and clear: "If salvation did not come from the Jews and eventually make its way to your nation, you would still be worshipping Thor and Odin, the Norse gods!" Now is the time to bring that message back to the Jewish people.



*Top: This wonderful couple from Oslo has been our partner in ministry for many years.*

*Above: Bergen – Our Ministry Base in Norway*

*Left: Pastor Rolf Helen Iversen – He is like a father to me and has been the key person behind our Norwegian Ministry.*

They have articulated their response using the postal directive: "Return to Sender". Yes! Salvation returning to those it came from.

Not only are many Norwegians today praying for Israel's salvation, they are also actively involved in communicating the message of salvation to Israelis in a fresh new way. Norwegian Christians visit Israel regularly. In almost every church most members have visited Israel several times, some do so almost every year. I will soon put together some of the amazing testimonies I have heard from those in Norway I have trained in Jewish evangelism. Many have told me that the response of the Israelis they have shared with has amazed them. Instead of anger or confrontation there have been tears. Tears welling up in the eyes of Jewish people realizing that the message of salvation is their message, about their God, their covenant, their promises, their inheritance and their Messiah.

I am convinced that when Israel sees that the salvation of the nations first belongs to them,

that they will then become jealous and desire this salvation for themselves and thus fulfill Romans 11:11.

**ROMANS 11:11 – I SAY THEN, HAVE THEY STUMBLED THAT THEY SHOULD FALL? CERTAINLY NOT! BUT THROUGH THEIR FALL, TO PROVOKE THEM TO JEALOUSY, SALVATION HAS COME TO THE GENTILES.**

Please prayerfully consider sending a generous end of year gift to the Gates of Zion. I am trusting the Lord for great fruitfulness and a quantum leap of effectiveness, leverage and God ordained influence in 2010.

Blessings, Shalom and Love, from your fellow servant in Messiah Yeshua,

*Jeff*

**SERVING YESHUA – A LIGHT TO BRING REVELATION TO THE GENTILES, AND THE GLORY OF YOUR PEOPLE ISRAEL. (LUKE 2:32)**

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May the Lord's blessings flow into your life and overwhelm you!