

Favor Zion Ministries

“Now is the set time to Favor Zion”–Psalm 102:13

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Shalom Haveirim,
Blessings to you, my friends,

I trust and pray that you are prospering and in health- even as your soul prospers.

I want you to know that your words of encouragement to remind of Abba's love, with an aptly spoken scripture-verse or principle, means so very much. This done in person or by phone can turn around a dreary, dark mood, or eternally change a life. I have recently been brought from a growl and scowl to a place of reinvigorated purpose and contentment by a well-spoken reminder, followed by a chaser of testimony.

So, be on the lookout for ways that you can bring life. Remember your tongue is like choice silver (Proverbs 10:20). It's really true. You can use your tongue to steer the ship of your life or someone else's. I was so blessed by the simple reminder to *“Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all, (and the lady speaking to me emphasized all), these things will be added to you.”* Matthew 6:33

This was a poignant reminder and was not a put down. This encouragement really refocused me and helped me to remember not only Abba's love for us, but that He gives us the desires of our hearts as we seek Him first.

I pray for you, too, that you are reminded of your high calling. I know that just your standing with **Favor Zion Ministries** in prayer and with financial support opens you up to an array of attack. But I also know that you are fulfilling your purpose and advancing His Kingdom. You are a most necessary and vital part of this ministry. Our prayer for you is to be empowered by God to succeed in all His purposes for your life.

VERY TOUGH TIME OF THE YEAR

Historically, and I believe spiritually, this is a very tough season or part of the year, because attacks against Jewish people crescendo during the month of Av. TISHA b'Av is observed this year on August 10. This time period has been marked by a greater intensity of spiritual warfare, and a corresponding attempt by the evil one to advance here on earth. There is an observed increase of suffering and persecution.

It was on this day that both Solomon's Temple and Herod's Temple in Jerusalem were destroyed. It was also on this day that the Jewish people were expelled from Spain after the horrible Inquisition. Many of those expelled were Messianic Jews- Believers in Yeshua and heirs of salvation. Today as well, there are wars and rumors of wars, economic hardships and physical woes.

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Jewish people all over the world use this season to fast and pray, which is a very good strategy. Our weapons are not carnal, but mighty in the Spirit to pulling down strongholds (2 Corinthians 10:4), and we need to employ them. Fasting helps us to focus. As a leader in this ministry I really do urge you to set aside some time to hear His voice and to intercede as Adonai gives you unction

ISRAEL-- HERE WE COME

Our trip to Israel is beginning to shape up, but we still don't have a firm price. El Al Airlines is hedging because of the uncertainty of fuel costs. There is a good possibility that we'll be locking in a good and final price next month. Meanwhile I urge you to just start setting aside the time and travel money.

We only take one (not full) bus of people with us. This guarantees the intimacy and relationship building, which I believe are unique and necessary for the days in which we live. Already some church leaders who went with us last time are urging their people to join the Favor Zion group on June 8-20, 2009. Pray!

BOOK AND SPEAKING IN YOUR CHURCH

My book is in the Shaliach's hands for reading and review. The man I am referring to, Dan Juster, hasn't even hinted at his reaction- so having done all, I am just standing. I believe the message of Planning Gifts for the saints in Jerusalem is scriptural and imperative for such a time as this. I plan to be speaking about this in many churches this fall.

This reminds me- if Favor Zion hasn't been to your church recently, or at all, Martin Kaiser is preparing our fall, winter and 2009 speaking schedule. This is a good time to speak with your Pastor, small group or denomination about inviting us to share. You can get more information and contact Martin at our website: www.FavorZion.org

OK friends, you are the Righteousness of God and Ambassadors of Messiah. You really *can do all things through Messiah who strengthens you*' (Philippians 4:13). So

- More prayer for this season-which really lasts up until the Day of Trumpets,
- More speaking of edifying words to encourage those you meet,
- More preparing to go to Israel, and
- More faith that together we are truly seeing days that the prophets longed to see- Together we are fulfilling prophesy!

In Yeshua,

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Enclosure: Trip to Israel flier

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