



“Carry Me Along to Jerusalem. How Can I Carry You Along to Jerusalem? You Know.”

A Purim D’rash

Today, March 19, 2022, we are celebrating Purim which fell on Thursday this week. The celebration of Purim marks a “leap of faith” which all of us must take---a “leap” unto our own deaths. Somewhere and sometime along our journey, this “leap” will happen---and it will take us to a much higher level of serving our Father in heaven.

Esther is our model along with Abraham and others in scripture. Through Abraham’s faith of God came the establishment of a people of God. They became known to the world as “The people who worship the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the only true living God.” A young Hebrew girl named Hadassa became Esther, the Queen over one of the most powerful empires of the known world. She chose to take the ultimate leap of faith and was used by God to save the Hebrew people from annihilation. Thereby perhaps saving the “seed of the woman” who would become Yeshua, God with us, our Redeemer, Saviour and Lord, the Jewish Messiah.

Yeshua, by His own leap of faith chose to become the kinsman redeemer to make a way for all mankind to be saved from the penalty of sin which is eternal death. Through our faith of God’s grace, He freely gives us life eternal through the shed blood of His only begotten Son, the substitutionary atonement for the Hebrew people and all mankind. Our ultimate hope is secured by Yeshua’s promised victorious resurrection from death to life eternal. So are we also raised to new life in Yeshua, re-born through the work of the indwelling Holy Spirit of God.

God’s promise to Abraham was that through Abraham’s seed all of the families of the earth will be blessed. Yeshua is Abraham’s seed. When we reach out and receive Yeshua’s sacrifice as our gift of life eternal, by the faith of God we are receiving our right to become the children of God--- through Abraham’s seed. For we are saved by grace through faith, the gift of God not of our own works so that we cannot boast.

We are of God’s work whom He created in Yeshua so that we are enabled to complete the good works which were ordained for us. By His grace we, His Body, is miraculously preserved for the purpose of the salvation of the Jews. By the faith of God we who have our Father’s love for His people Israel cry out to Him for all Israel to be saved. This is the heart-cry of the Father and the Son who are waiting for us to touch their heart to call forth and awaken those who are spiritually dead, blind, deaf, and mute to the truth of Yeshua, our Jewish Messiah. It is a heart-/gut-wrenching cry described in Jeremiah Chapter 9.

Esther, by her leap of faith, trusted God when she called for fasting and prayer to move the heart of God for her life and the lives of His own people. Are we ready/willing to be His instruments of righteousness for the salvation of all Israel? ---Jew and Gentile? ---One in Messiah Yeshua? This is an existential plea to all believers to join together globally to intercede for the salvation of all Israel. Together---as one new man---by faith of God we can touch the heart of our Father and His Son, Yeshua Messiah---**ONE FOR ISRAEL.**

The spiritual warfare is fierce. We will beat back our flesh, set our minds and hearts toward our Father for the filling of His Holy Spirit to inspire us with His prayers and His agony of heart and soul for His unsaved beloved Benei Yisrael. ---Like Miryam's prayers for Yeshua to come and heal her dying brother Lazeras. She did touch His heart, and Yeshua was moved so powerfully that He immediately broke into deep weeping and mourning. He was immediately moved to raise Lazarus to life after being dead four days! Lazarus was a type of spiritually dead Israel needing to be released from the darkness of all that binds them. Miryam was a type of messianic believer who had a deep, personal relationship with Yeshua, loving Him very much.

Let us be willing to be used by God in this way. Let us begin "carrying Yeshua along to Jerusalem" by prayer, in the faith of God.

Sha'alu Shalom Yerushalyim!

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