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Shalom Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for your recent financial gift to Hoshana Rabbah Messianic Discipleship Resources! May our Father in heaven bless you, and may the seed you planted in this spiritual ground produce an abundant crop for the glory of Elohim and the expansion of HIS kingdom.

Please allow me to give you a quick ministry update, and then I will close with some of my thoughts on the economy and what you should do to prepare yourself for YHVH's judgments on this country.

Hoshana Rabbah and Congregation Elim just completed a successful—though tiring—fall festival season. (Now we have the long winter months to recuperate.) The doors of our congregation were open for all the fall biblical feasts, and I taught on each of these days about their meaning as well as their spiritual and prophetic implications. Each year I see more and more people getting excited about keeping YHVH's feasts and making the necessary commitments and sacrifices to do so. I recall twenty, thirty, even more than 40 years ago when this was not the case in the way it is today. This proves that YHVH is stirring in the hearts of his people worldwide and awakening them to the Hebraic roots of their faith. Can anyone doubt that we are living in the end times, that the Spirit of Elohim is preparing his people to be the bride to Yeshua, our Jewish Messiah, and that the prophecies of Malachi 4:4–6 are coming to pass in our day?

Most notable of the fall feasts was our eight day long Sukkot celebration on the north Oregon coast. When Sandi and I pioneered Sukkot Northwest in Oregon in 2002, there was none others like it in the entire Pacific Northwest, or even the West Coast (as far as we know). Our pioneering trademark was that we lifted up the Torah as the standard for ALL redeemed believers to follow, we preached the restoration of the two houses of Israel, that all born-again believers are part of redeemed Israel, and all this in a Spirit-filled (fuoll gospel) context. We also were the first ministry and congregation in our region to adhere to and to publicly teach about the biblical (visible) new moon and the aviv barely calendar. Since then we have hosted many Sukkots, and this year, we were not the only Sukkot in our region to promote the basic biblical paradigms that we were led to introduce in 2002. We praise Elohim that others are finally catching on, and that biblical truth is being restored in so many quarters!

About 80 people from five states and Canada attended Sukkot NW at Camp Rilea in Warrenton, Oregon. The biblical teachers were Lloyd Day, Jon Thompson, Lon Martin, Natan and Sandi Lawrence. Lloyd taught a beginning biblical Hebrew class, Wendy Fishburn from Washington led an awesome kids program, and Sandi and Lucy Lawrence along with Heidi Dombek taught Davidic dance. Two families came from Canada, and two families drove from Wyoming and Texas to be with us!

We were especially blessed by the weather. It was as if our Father in heaven was smiling down upon us during the entire Sukkot celebration. Usually at this time of the year, the north Oregon coast is wet and drippy with occasional sun breaks. But guess what? The typical coast weather had to move aside for the people of YHVH. It was raining just prior to our arriving, and the very next day after the end of Sukkot, the winds and rains blew in with a vengeance! For the entire eight days we had gorgeous fall weather and nothing but sun and warm temperatures (in the 60s and 70s) with only some occasional clouds and fog, BUT no rain—not one drop! Then the very next day after Sukkot it was if YHVH's hand was removed and the forces of hell

unleashed with a vengeance as a frigid fall storm blew in off the ocean!

Now that Sandi and I are home, I am back working full time managing my tree care company (my only source of income). I am also generating weekly teachings for Congregation Elim. In addition, I am taking a biblical Greek class from a local out of work college professor who is giving private lessons to six students including me. Talk about a lot of memory work: nominative, genitive, dative and accusative cases in masculine, feminine and neuter gender in the first, second and third declensions—and that's just for starters! Talk about headache city!

Sandi, for her part, is wrapping up the loose ends of Sukkot (bookkeeping and record keeping), and at the same time she continues to put out our weekly adult Torah study guide, the kids Torah Explorers (English version), and now our Spanish Exploradores Tora. Go see our Spanish addition for yourself online at http://www.hoshanarabbah.org/parshiot.html#parasha_breisheet. Thanks to some generous financial contributions, we have been able to hire a Messianic translator in Puerto Rico and Sandi is formatting and uploading the Spanish Torah Explorers to the HR website. Please join me in praying that this new outreach will yield much fruit for the kingdom of Elohim. We give this study guide away gratis and it is a tool to point people ONLY to the Torah and to YHVH Elohim and to Yeshua, his Son, and our Master and Redeemer (and not to any man or organization of men).

Beyond this, Sandi will slowly be upgrading and redesigning the HR website. During this process, she will be uploading some new teaching of mine. I probably have a backlog of 15 or 20 teachings that await publishing!

Please pray that YHVH will send in workers who have computer and web skills to assist Sandi. We need those who have a heart to reach out to the lost sheep of the house of Israel with the message of the Torah! Please pray for Sandi. Not only is she the administrator for our local congregation, but also for our international teaching ministry, as well as web master, home school mom and house wife. She also helps me in my tree service. Has anyone heard of the Proverbs 31 woman? Well, I have one! But she does get tired, and the needs of the ministry take its toll on us and our four children, so please pray for us.

As a final note, please allow me to make some comments on the economy and current conditions in the U.S. Dear brothers and sister, judgment has come to America. The Bible says that YHVH allows it to rain on the just and the wicked. These judgments will affect you and me. For us, it will be a time of spiritual refining, repentance, drawing closer to YHVH, AND ECONOMIC BELT TIGHTENING!

To wit, our dollar has lost between 16 and 20 percent of its value in just the past six months. In other words, the dollar you had in your wallet or purse six months ago is only worth 80 to 84 cents now compared to six months ago! Did your income go up 16 to 20 percent to match the dollar's devaluation? I didn't think so. Mine didn't either. All this is happening because the neo-Marxists in the executive and legislative branches of our government are monetizing the national debt by printing dollars to finance their socialistic government and one-world programs and their otherwise out-of-control spending habits. Dollars are being printed because fewer nations want to purchase our near worthless dollar debt instruments probably for fear that they won't ever get paid back. As a result, the U.S. government printing presses keep printing more dollars in a desperate act to keep us afloat financially. But we are living on borrowed time, for someone (our descendants) will either have to pay that debt eventually, or the dollar will be devalued so that if you had \$1000, now you'll have only \$100, yet you will still owe your creditors the same amount. I believe the latter will happen, since there isn't enough money to pay of the national debt. I am no economist, though I took a couple of economic courses in my second year of college. There they tried to sell me (in vain) on the idea that at the macro economic level, a national government can spend itself into oblivion without consequences, but that at the micro economic level (state and local government, business and personal) this is not possible—you can't spend more than you earn. Well, their theories about macro economics are like a house of cards built on sand, no less, and are about to be proven false. Future generations cannot pay off our massive debt. There isn't enough money on earth. Somehow, the piper will be paid, and it will come from you and me! It always does and it will continue to do so.

What can you do to protect yourself from these judgments against this nation for its sins of gluttony, greed, spiritual apostasy and general wickedness?

About all we can do is to tighten our belts by spending less, consuming less, paying down bills, and if possible, finding new and better sources of income to supplement the dollar's loss of value. Make no mistake about it, someone is reaching into your wallet and stealing your money, and there is little you can do about it. As the forces in our national government move us more into a centrally planned economy and the government take-over of the private business sectors (remember the ex-Soviet Union or Nazi Germany?) things are only going to get worse.

But look up! Your redemption draws near. The Creator of the universe is in charge and he is a personal Deity—he knows you and cares about you. (Remember Yeshua's encouraging words in John 4? "My sheep hear my voice and I call them by name...") YHVH Elohim is bigger than the economy, and he will see his people through these hard times. These are the recommendations I have for surviving YHVH's judgment against America:

- Spend less.
- Pay down your debts.
- Prepare for hard times by having extra food and emergency supplies on hand.
- If you have excess cash laying around, you might consider putting a portion of it into tangible assets such as precious metals which will not lose their value as the dollar devalues.
- Increase your income. If you are on a fixed income or are retired or disabled, pray that YHVH will direct you to some income producing situations that you can do at home or elsewhere. America is still the land of opportunity, so get out there and look for it. Opportunities will not drop from the skies onto your hands. Laziness has never gotten anyone anywhere!
- Be part of a spiritual community of like-minded believers where people can help and support each other during hard times. This means that you need to be attending a weekly Shabbat service (if possible) EVERY WEEK. This will be essential for our spiritual and physical survival.
- Trust in YHVH's laws of biblical economics, which are superior to and not subject to worldly economic systems run by the machinations of a cabal of greedy and power hungry men. What are YHVH's laws of biblical economics?
 - Give and it shall be given to you. Be a giver or sower into the kingdom of Elohim.
 - Feed and help the poor among you.
 - Seek first the kingdom of Elohim and his righteousness and the physical things will take care of themselves. This means supporting ministries with your tithes and offerings that are spiritually feeding you and that are advancing the kingdom of Elohim. If you have a ministry gifting, then get out and use it—not to make money from others by merchandising your anointing, but for the sole purpose of serving YHVH and his people.
 - Pray to hear YHVH's voice so that you will know what to do in these hard times.
 - Repent of sin and Torahlessness and remove any spiritual obstacles in your life that are holding you down spiritually and preventing you from receiving YHVH's blessings and supernatural provision.
 - Follow the Torah as best you can, and you will bring YHVH's blessings upon yourself and your family.

Blessings to you and to your household as you seek first the kingdom of Elohim and by his grace (divine enablement) seek to conform your life to his Written Word.

In Yeshua's Love and Service,

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