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There is One Almighty Creator God of the Universe, who has revealed Himself to us in the manifestations of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Yeshua the Messiah (Jesus Christ) came in fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of the Scriptures and is fully God. It is mandatory for us to believe in a Divine Redeemer to be saved. Salvation is a free gift of God to all who receive Messiah Yeshua into their lives and confess of their sins. Those who reject Messiah will be consigned to eternal punishment.

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# OIM UPDATE

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Memories in the light of the present can alter the future. This thought crossed my mind while considering the directional predicament the world currently faces. After all, the crossroad electoral event on the horizon in America, will have ideological and societal consequences for generations to come. Therefore, it is incumbent upon every voting citizen to exercise their constitutional obligation to choose wisely the path that our unique nation—conceived to help fulfill God’s covenantal promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—should take. With the distinct political contrasts evident, the choice should be obvious for those seeking to know and serve the Eternal Creator God.

## Report from The Return

However, unless one has vivid recollections to draw upon for informed and balanced conclusions, there is the possibility of being surreptitiously persuaded by the incessant machinations of the prince of the power of air. Remember that from ancient times, this warning from the Apostle Paul describes our former carnal susceptibility to the wiles of the Devil:

**“You were dead in your trespasses and sins. At that time, you walked in the way of this world, in conformity to the ruler of the domain of the air—the ruler of the spirit who is now operating in the sons of disobedience.** We too all lived among them in the cravings of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and the mind. By nature

we were children of wrath, just like the others. But God was rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us. Even when we were dead in our trespasses, He made us alive together with Messiah. (By grace you have been saved!) **And He raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Messiah *Yeshua*— to show in the *olam ha-ba* [age to come] the measureless richness of His grace in kindness toward us in Messiah *Yeshua*.** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not from yourselves—it is the gift of God. It is not based on deeds, so that no one may boast. **For we are His workmanship—created in Messiah *Yeshua* for good deeds, which God prepared beforehand so we might walk in them”** (Ephesians 2:1-10, TLV).

Nevertheless, by God’s grace, true Believers were foreordained from eternity past to participate in good deeds that have affirmed genuine trust in the author and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). The key is to remember and reflect upon those special times when God showed up, and used ordinary people to advance His Kingdom, as recorded in the Holy Scriptures. Hence, the Psalms are replete with memories of the exploits of the Israelites, King David, and other reminders of God’s sovereign will to accomplish His purposes for the Creation.

Of course, memorizing and rehearsing the truths found in the Holy Writ is a recommended practice for Believers to use as weapons, to combat the schemes of the Devil and encourage more faithful actions (Ephesians 6:17; Revelation 12:11). However, those antiquated recollections can often be enhanced when Believers have their own personal experiences when the Holy Spirit participated in actual events during their respective walks of faith.

In my case, I have had the privilege to reconsider several times the Holy Spirit directly participated in activities dedicated to glorifying the Almighty’s immutable Word and preferred will for His Creation. The first occurred on June 7, 1986, when a group of anti-abortion Believers produced a fund-raising rally to solicit money to fight the travesty of killing unborn children. **Life Aid: Judgment at the Gate** was inspired by the following verses from the Prophet Amos, who warned the king of Judah and others about the specific sins of corruption running rampant in the nation specifically charged to take the light of truth to the nations of the Earth:

“They despise one who reproves at the gate, so they detest one who

speaks with integrity. Therefore, because you trample on the poor, exacting from him a burden of grain, you built houses of hewn stone, but will not dwell in them, you planted pleasant vineyards, but will not drink their wine. For I know your crimes are many and your sins countless—afflicting the righteous, taking bribes, and turning the needy aside at the gate. Therefore the prudent keep silent at such a time—for it is a distressful time. **Seek good and not evil, so you may live, and so ADONAI Elohei-Tzva'ot may be with you—just as you said! Hate evil, love good, maintain justice at the gate.** Maybe ADONAI Elohei-Tzva'ot will extend grace to Joseph's remnant" (Amos 5:10-15, TLV).

At that specific gathering in anticipation of 50,000 attendees, we had constructed a huge stage at the bottom of a gradual rise in elevation, which made a natural amphitheater for the praise and worship teams and speakers. Little did we know that the hill was populated with hundreds of mounds of fire ants, but the Lord had a solution. As the week-long construction project took place, the late Spring rains came occasionally to water down the terrain. While it did not impede our stage preparation, little did we know that it forced the ants to retreat to their abodes. But more supernaturally, on the day of the concert the region was inundated with torrential downpours of rain. We were obviously concerned about an outdoor event and the potential impact on attendance. But because we were broadcasting the event to all the Christian television stations, with 1-800 operators ready to take contributions for the cause, the planned program had to go on.

Amazingly as we gathered for a 10:00 AM start, the gospel group that opened the program commenced their set, as the clouds began to separate over the venue. Within fifteen minutes there was a visible circle of blue sky over the event site. As we stood upon the hill looking in every direction around the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex, you could see dark clouds and lightning in the distance. People were calling from remote locations wondering if the event had been cancelled, and we excitedly informed them that miraculously, the event was proceeding with a blue sky literally surrounded by a visible ring overhead. Clearly, the Lord was pleased with our heartfelt attempt to **proclaim justice in the gate** and solicit contributions to fight the abortion battle. Finally, as the concluding speakers and worship teams finished at 5:00 PM, the hole in the sky began to close and return to a shroud of clouds. One can only imagine how our faith soared with thankfulness for God's appearance in the

Heavenly realm. It is circumstances like these that allow one's faith to reach new heights, believing that there is truly a Heavenly Father pleased with His children's desire to end the abomination of child sacrifice!



More recently, on September 26, 2020, which just happened to be *Shabbat Shuvah* (Sabbath of Return) on the Saturday preceding *Yom Kippur*, I was blessed to participate in both **The Return** and **Prayer March** on the Washington, D.C. Mall, literally at the "gate" of America's governmental levers of power. From the Lincoln Memorial to the Capital building and beyond to the Supreme Court, tens of thousands of faithful Believers were gathered to pray, petition, and cry out for mercy for our nation from the Lord God Almighty. Incredibly because of some friends, I was able to place myself just inside the fence surrounding another huge stage and stand, literally a few yards from the front of the stage, where I could video record inspirational prayers and praise on my iPhone. During one of the pivotal messages, when the pleas for mercy and compassion were most amplified, I heard with my own two ears, the distinct but gentle roar of rolling thunder, *twice*, that accentuated the supplications. How wonderful is it to know that our Creator was taking specific notice of the saints gathered, and their heartfelt desire to repent of our corporate and personal sin, seek forgiveness and compassion from the Judge of all, at literally the "gates" of our national government!

One specific prayer I personally had, regarded my ongoing meditations about the Book of Jonah, the text typically reviewed on *Yom Kippur*. I was most impressed about how the King of Nineveh responded to the visible display of repentance by the people of Nineveh, and then made a proclamation that was adhered to by the contrite citizens:



“‘Rise and go to Nineveh, the great city, and cry out to it the proclamation that I am telling you.’ So Jonah rose and went to Nineveh according to the word of *ADONAI*. Now Nineveh was a great city to God—the length of a three day journey. So Jonah began to come into the city for one day’s journey, and he cried out saying: ‘Another forty days and Nineveh will be overthrown!’ Then the people of Nineveh believed God and called for a fast and wore sackcloth—from the greatest of them to the least of them. When the word reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his robe, covered himself in sackcloth, and sat in the ashes. **He made a proclamation saying: ‘In Nineveh, by the decree of the king and his nobles, no man or beast, herd or flock, may taste anything. They must not graze nor drink water. But cover man and beast with sackcloth. Let them cry out to God with urgency. Let each one turn from his evil way and from the violence in his hands. Who knows? God may turn and relent, and turn back from his burning anger, so that we may not perish!’**” (Jonah 3:2-9, TLV).

For a few days prior to September 26, it was my prayer that God would move upon the President of the United States to come to the ven-

ue, humble himself, and ask for forgiveness for our nation. But he had a lot on his plate that day with the introduction of his nominee to the Supreme Court. Instead, at just after Noon, after the group gathered at the Lincoln Memorial for the Prayer March soberly read this proclamation from the President of the United States, the leaders of The Return excitedly also read it:



## Presidential Message on the National Day of Prayer and Return, 2020 Issued on: September 26, 2020

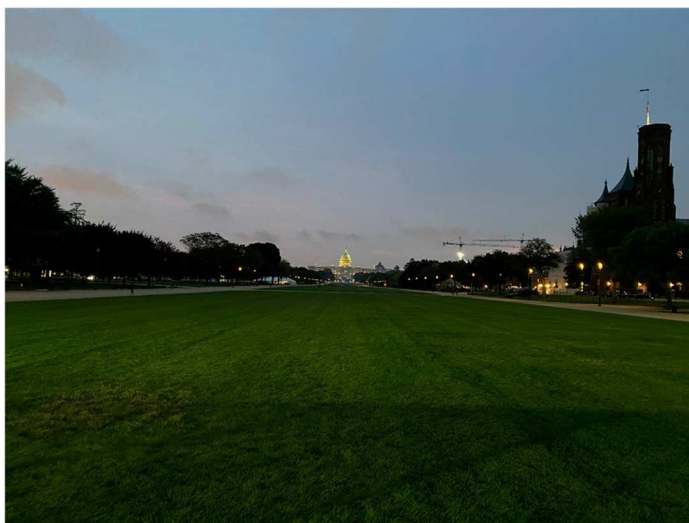
On this inaugural National Day of Prayer and Return, the First Lady and I join millions of Christians here in the United States and around the world in prayer, as we turn our hearts to our Lord and Savior.

Our great Nation was founded by men and women of deep and abiding faith—a faith that has stood the test of time. Four hundred years ago, early American settlers trusted their lives to His providence and braved a voyage to a New World. From the pilgrims who sought His protection aboard the Mayflower to the countless believers who today bow their heads to ask for His guidance during these unprecedented times, our country continues to turn to the Lord. Following in our ancestors' footsteps we continue the "firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence" that provides us enduring strength and reassurance in our times of need.

The trials and tribulations the American people have faced over the past several months have been great. Yet, as we have seen time and again, the resolve of our citizenry—fortified by our faith in God—has guided us through

these hardships and helped to unite us as one Nation under God. As we continue to combat the challenges ahead of us, we must remember the sage words of President George Washington during his first Presidential Address: “propitious smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which Heaven itself has ordained.” As a country and a people, let us renew our commitment to these abiding and timeless principles.

Today, I am pleased to join my voice to yours in thanking God for blessing this nation with great power and responsibility. With reverence, humility, and thanksgiving, we beg for His continued guidance and protection.



Despite

not receiving a “specific” answer to my prayer, I and those assembled were overwhelmed with the heart of the message proclaimed in this declaration. Not only did the President and his wife declare their allegiance to “their Lord and Savior” in the opening paragraph, but in his conclusion he reverently, humbly, and with thanksgiving “begged” for the Lord’s continued guidance and protection. In other words, our “king” or national leader made it abundantly clear through these words that he was in total agreement with the faithful people of America, who are fervently praying and interceding for the future direction of our country.

Similar to how in ancient times, when the Holy One relented and spared Nineveh of the justice they deserved for their evil, violent, and wicked ways—perhaps the Lord from Heaven will once again extend mercy and compassion on our nation. The parallels are apparent, and one

knows—as evident by the thousands gathered in the nation’s capital and those scattered around the globe—that the prayers and petitions of the saints are increasing with greater and greater intensity. Hopefully, the Merciful One will respond accordingly to this often quoted and applied passage:

**“[W]hen My people, over whom My Name is called, humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land”** (2 Chronicles 7:14, TLV).

By God’s grace, on that ordained day at the “gate” of government, there were certainly tens of thousands of God’s people, who claim His Name, humbling themselves, praying, seeking His face, and confessing and repenting from their wicked ways. It remains our fervent supplication and prayer that our loving Heavenly Father did indeed, hear from His throne room, will forgive our sin, and will heal our land. We know from the example of Nineveh, a nation that was an arch enemy of Israel, that God witnessed their contrition and pleas for mercy, and He changed His mind about the judgment they justly deserved. In a like manner, may the Holy One consider our prayers, the prayers of our leaders, and bring healing to our needy and divided land!

Memories are great to contemplate at times like this, but there is a Psalm that comes to mind about how our Father in Heaven operates in His holiness, and it is generally wise to repeat back to Him the inspired declarations of God’s Holy Word:

**“ADONAI is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and plentiful in mercy. He will not always accuse, nor will He keep His anger forever. He has not treated us according to our sins, or repaid us according to our iniquities.** For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His mercy for those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. **As a father has compassion on his children, so ADONAI has compassion on those who fear Him.** For He knows our frame. He remembers that we are but dust” (Psalm 103:8-14, TLV).

May God have mercy upon us, and bless America at this crossroad moment in time!

Finally, Outreach Israel and Messianic Apologetics are always grateful for your prayers and financial support of our efforts to advance the Kingdom of God with all of our hearts! You are a blessing to us, and your partnership allows us to continue in our many endeavors, until the restoration of all things...

Blessings and shalom,  
Mark Huey