



BERGER'S BUGLE

Ministry Update

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Dear Friends and Supporters:

Shalom and greetings in the name of our Lord, *Yeshua HaMaschiach*, Jesus the Messiah. Reflecting upon my Savior's mercies this year, I thank Him for each one of you—for your faithfulness through your love, prayers, and financial support—for enabling me to press on by standing with me in your steadfastness for the salvation of Israel (Psalm 122:6-9), especially during these perilous times for Israel and Christians worldwide.

My Contacts

I thank God for the requests I receive for assistance in sharing the Gospel message with unsaved Jewish individuals from various parts of the country. Many ask me how to respond to Jewish objections to the Gospel, request tracts, or if I would contact the person being witnessed to, with their permission. Following my conversation with "D," an unsaved Jewish man, he agreed to read the book I mailed him called *Jesus Was a Jew*, by Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum. Please pray with me that the Lord would break through the wall of resistance—that His Word would not return void. And also for a Gentile man, "M," to whom I sent the book, *The Case for Christ*, by Lee Strobel. He responded that his heart was indeed in need of prayer and repair. Please pray for God's comfort and the spiritual growth of my widowed Hispanic neighbor, "J," who prayed with me last year to receive Jesus after the loss of his wife. They were married for 53 years. Although I bought him a Spanish-language Bible, he still visits me to hear the Word and ask questions so that he could bear his grief. Please continue to pray for the salvation of all of the unbelieving Jewish and Gentile individuals God has brought into my life with whom I dialogue via phone, text, or meet in person. So many stories, so many needs. Jesus is the only answer. *For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Jesus Christ, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time* (1Tim. 2:5-6, NASB).

A Mini Get-Away

My COPD has gotten worse (I'm now on oxygen 24/7) and it has restricted me from doing any long-distance travel. However, since California is so close, my daughter rented a house on the ocean for my birthday last year and she and her two sons (my grandsons) drove me (and all of my equipment) to the coast for a mini vacation with them. I was blessed by their caring, their kindnesses, and the wonderful salt air, so good for my lungs. I am twice blessed, as they made plans for us to return there again for my birthday in November.



HOT Arizona!

How do we survive triple digits, you ask: by remaining in the AC. The heat forces us to slow down, restrict our activities, or stay home and maybe emerge at night, if the temperature is at least comfortable. It has also been a good time to read through the Psalms again. As a testimony to God's love for us, He speaks to us through His Word in different ways throughout our life's walk with Him. He knows what we need to hear, to learn, and when to comfort and reassure us. Reading through the book of Psalms, I pause at the word "selah," and based on my research, that is exactly what I should be doing, so here goes.

Selah

The word "selah" appears 74 times in the Hebrew Bible, 71 times in Psalms, and three times in Habakkuk. Due to its varying interpretations, it has been called "a mystery of the Psalms" and "an enigmatic word found at the ending of certain verses." It may be an instruction for a break in the singing of the Psalm, i.e., a musical interlude, a silence. Or, it may mean to pause, to stop and listen, and contemplate the truth and importance of the preceding passage and thus lift up and exalt the Lord. It appears to be a cue for us to pray, to meditate, to rest in what we just read. Charles Spurgeon's explanation speaks to my heart. He calls it "a precious pause, a timely silence that cues us to rest from chaos." In the frenzied cacophony of the world right now, stillness and silence are welcomed interruptions. As witnessed in Psalm 46, where selah appears three times, it invites us to rest and reflect, to receive and rejoice in the goodness and truth of the God of the Psalms. *Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah* (Psalm 46:10-11).

Thank you!

Thank you, always, for being my partners in ministry and partakers with me of grace. *I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all* (Phil 1:3-4).

In Messiah's love and mine,

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