

January 11, 2025
 Messianic Jews/Hebrews 12.3
 So that you will not grow weary and lose heart

Financial update

as of Thursday evening, Dec. 26, 2024 (\$22,436) year-to-date adjusted net shortfall	2024 end, Or HaOlam was ~\$10,000 in the black! surplus for 2024 Halleluyah ! הללויה
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And Thank YOU for believing in G-d's work here!

Welcome to newlyweds Christopher and Kate Carroll!



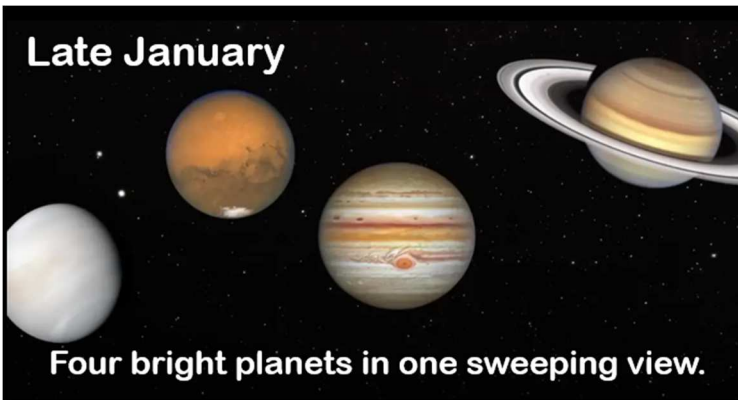
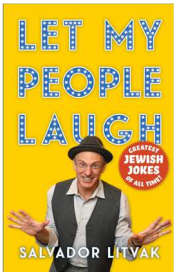
Circling the groom



Ring



Breaking the glass



In mid to late January, 2025, you'll see four bright planets in one sweeping view. Jan. 13: Full Moon Won't look like the above ...



rather (see 2nd graphic above)

Jan. 21, 2025 night sky snapshot Six planets in an approximate line across the evening sky. Three are very bright, (Venus, Jupiter, Mars), and four are easily visible with just your eyes (add Saturn)

I have taken to having several parts to my devotions.

1. Inspiring music, usually young Israeli Hebrew musicians. [I likely should have made Aliyah in my 20s, so my kids could have been some of these. I have a flautist, violinist, keyboardist, and trumpet player]
2. Confession
3. Reading 2 chapters Brit Hadashah, 2 chapters Tanakh
4. Prayer list

One song I've been recently really enamored with, Pe Echad, has a section:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hBPI2214-jE>



Consider the One who endured



Lest you become wearied



and discouraged in your souls

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MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE

Mes Jews/Heb 12.1-3 **Let us, too, put aside every impediment — that is, the sin which easily hampers our forward movement — and keep running with endurance in the contest set before us, looking away to the Initiator and Completer of that trusting, Yeshua — who, in exchange for obtaining the joy set before him, endured execution on a stake as a criminal, scorning the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Yes, think about him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you won't grow tired or become despondent.**

Gal.6.9 CJB **So let us not grow weary of doing what is good; for if we don't give up, we will in due time reap the harvest.**

TLV **So let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we don't give up.**

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David Stern's wording

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despondent (adjective):
disheartened, discouraged, dispirited,
downhearted, low-spirited, hopeless, downcast,
cast down, crestfallen, down, low, disconsolate,
despairing, wretched, oppressed, melancholy,
gloomy, glum, morose, Eeyorish, doleful, dismal,
woebegone, miserable, depressed, dejected,
distressed Eeyorish from *Winnie the Pooh*
character



Puddleglum *Narnia Chronicles* The Silver Chair

Theme of the Rabbi's Conf that we just attended:

Yn 15.16 "You did not choose Me, but I chose you. I selected you so that you would go and produce fruit, and your fruit would remain."

"My fruit...!"

1. Children: unsaved, estranged: Legacy children, leadership children here, many wonderful, but some wayward
2. New births, new believers: Last time we had a totally secular or rebellious person REPENT
3. Healing: We've had wonderful healings, but some maybe not
4. Marriage distress: OH marriage failures. After a time, in the humdrum of life, he turns out to be less than the prince you thought. She...always is the Queen
5. Other relational distress: Family fractures, congregational fractures
6. Unanswered prayer
7. Suffering abuse or pain
8. Loss of Loved One
9. Financial difficulty
10. Devastating storms
11. Violence in the land
12. Political unrest
13. Wars, Israeli wars: this one

[Rabbi, you are making me discouraged.]

Yoni Ben Menachem, a veteran Arab affairs and diplomatic commentator for Israel Radio and Television. He served as director general and chief editor of the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

(Jan. 10, 2025 / JNS) According to Israeli security officials, Hamas has recruited approximately 4,000 fighters over the past month. Currently, Hamas is estimated to have about 20,000 armed fighters in Gaza, along with a stockpile of scores of rockets that it sporadically launches into Israeli territory.

The Palestinian Islamic Jihad organization

also retains about 4,000 armed fighters in the Strip.



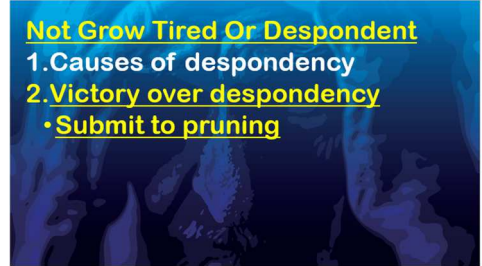
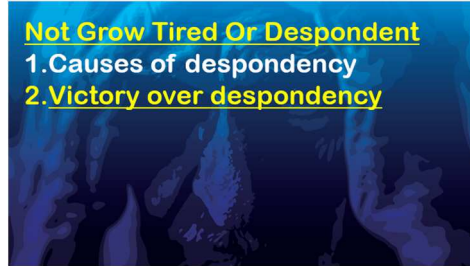
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Hamas's **military recovery** has allowed it to prolong its war of attrition against the IDF and adopt tougher stances in hostage negotiations. **The funds for this recruitment effort reportedly come from the sale of humanitarian aid packages**, which Hamas seizes and resells in Gaza's markets.

T'hilim/Ps 13 How long, Adoni? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I keep asking myself what to do, with sorrow in my heart every day? How long must my enemy dominate me? Look, and answer me, Adoni my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death. Then my enemy would say, "I was able to beat him"; and my adversaries would rejoice at my downfall.

2 Kefa/Pet 3.3-4 **First, understand this: during the Last Days, scoffers will come, following their own desires and asking, “Where is this promised ‘coming’ of his? For our fathers have died, and everything goes on just as it has since the beginning of creation.”**
[In the 70s, I could scare people saying that now I’m driving this car, but could disappear any moment. Not so sure it would work now.]

Mtt 25.5 **“Now while the bridegroom was taking a long time, they all got drowsy and started falling asleep. *[Are we getting drowsy?]***



Yn 15.2 **Every branch that does bear fruit, he prunes, so that it may bear more fruit.**

- Tree weeps after pruning.
- Next year 10x fruit

[Embrace whatever is being honed in your life, whatever unsolvable difficulty. Rather than being discouraged, despondent, embrace it.

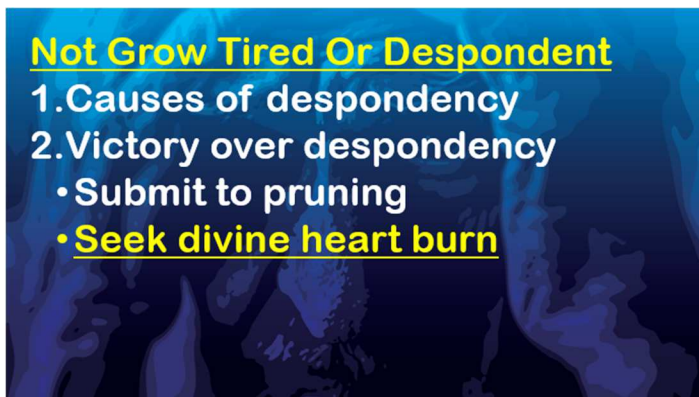
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“Do you want to experience more joy in your marriage? Brenen and Morgan Beeler explain how to find it in this short video. They encourage us not to grow weary in the cold and dark times because they won’t last forever, and better times are coming. Learning how to make the most of the difficulties can make the good times sweeter.”

Similar to one I showed previously, but not the same.

[\[https://www.drjamesdobson.org/marriage-parenting/finding-joy-in-the-cold-and-dark-times-episode-8-b\]](https://www.drjamesdobson.org/marriage-parenting/finding-joy-in-the-cold-and-dark-times-episode-8-b)



David Levine at Rabbis Conference

Lk 24. 13-17 **That same day, two of them were going toward a village about seven miles from Yerushalayim called Amma’us, and they were talking with each other about all the things that had happened. As they talked and discussed, Yeshua himself came up and walked along with them, but something kept them from recognizing him. He asked them, “What are you talking about with each other as you walk along?” They stopped short, their faces downcast ...**

Lk 24. 25-27 **He said to them, “Foolish people! So unwilling to put your trust in everything the prophets spoke! Didn’t the Messiah have to die like this before entering his glory?” Then, starting with Moshe**

and all the prophets, he explained to them the things that can be found throughout the Tanakh concerning himself.

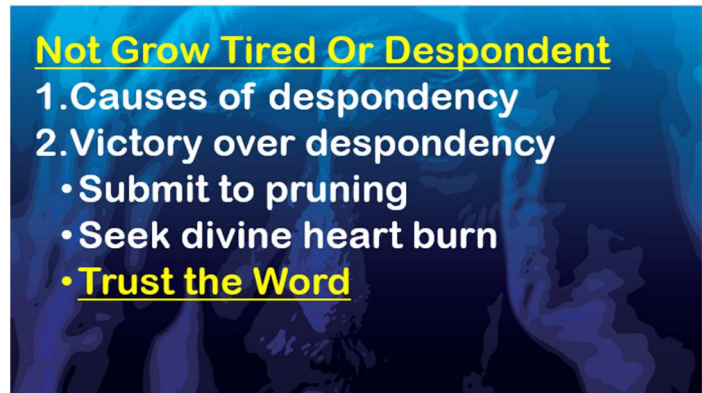
Lk 24. 30-32 As he was reclining with them at the table, he took the matzah, made the b'rakhah, broke it and handed it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. But he became invisible to them. They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn inside us as he spoke to us on the road, opening up the Tanakh to us?"

Daily HEARING,

שמע → heartburn, burning heart.

["fixing our eyes on Yeshua, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."]

Time and intimacy with the Bridegroom and Master.]



The Prophetic Word

This past summer there was an overwhelming feeling of heaviness and dread as we waited for the inevitable war with Hezbollah in Lebanon.

[150,000 missiles 10x power of Hamas]

Israeli experts warned it would be incredibly difficult. Then in August, Oren, a teacher from Tiferet Yeshua, shared a prophetic word with the congregation's leadership. Our elders prayed and felt it was from the Lord.

"Do not fear war in the north. A great miracle is at hand that will strike the world with amazement... Do not be impressed by the balance of military might. Cease counting cannons, rocket launchers and armed fighters ... My name will be on everyone's lips when the overwhelming victory against all odds comes."

- September 17th Pagers, Sept 18 Cell phones; the entire Hezbollah communication infrastructure was crippled.
- Sept 27 Nasrallah eliminated
- Oct 17 Yahyah Sinwar eliminated.

When Israel's ground forces entered southern Lebanon, they were surprised to find many Hezbollah command centers unmanned. A captured terrorist told the IDF that after Nasrallah's death most of them fled.

On one of Israel's most viewed primetime news programs, a retired IDF colonel said this:

"As an expert on Hezbollah and Lebanon, I say if you were to put all the heads of Israel's security agencies here and ask them, 'Is there a chance that this might happen to Hezbollah in under a month?'

There would not be one who would honestly say that they would have imagined even half of what has happened is possible ... [It is] not the result of man's actions but the hand of God."

[\https://www.tikkunglobal.org/post/miracles-and-wonders-israel-at-war

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Jackie Santoro newsletter:]

Rachel Boskey reports: Nothing moves my heart as much as speaking to my friends about Yeshua, those who don't yet know Him personally. Some months ago I was walking in our town and met a lady I've known for 27 years.

She is not a Messianic believer. Her son and one of our sons were in the same class in their childhood. I asked her how she is handling the stress and emotional pain of our Israeli reality. She said she's in a lot of pain, and I told her I am too. I then felt free and was urged to tell her that Messiah Yeshua is coming back to help Israel in the coming times of great trouble. She said immediately "He is? Then we have hope!" I was amazed by her response, as she is a very liberal Israeli ideologically.

She and I are most likely on opposite ends of the political spectrum. Yet her heart responded immediately to the name of Yeshua. She went on to say that she has always looked up to Yeshua, since her Holocaust survivor grandmother, who was an atheist, always told her that Yeshua was a good Jew.

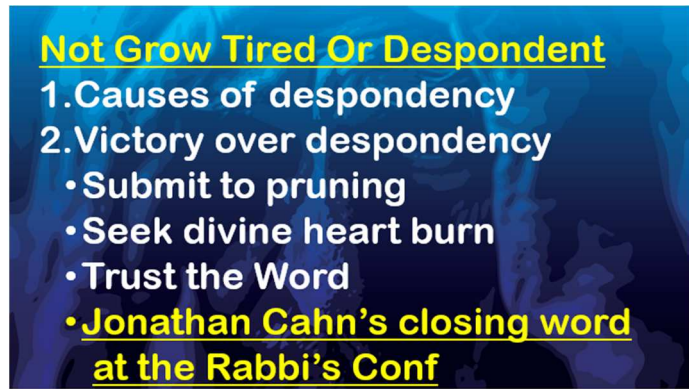
Another remarkable event took place in the home of a close friend in our town. She asked Avner and I to lead a singalong concert in her home for a group of about 30 of her friends and family, ages 92 to 15 years old. She chose 14 well-known Israeli folk songs, all of them about the Negev. I spent a good bit of time learning and practicing those songs in preparation.

The long-time mayor of our town and his wife were there for the concert. My friend, totally on her own initiative, said she wanted to tell all of her guests about what we believe, and she asked us to help her explain to everyone who Messianic Jews are.

So I wrote five simple points about what we believe as Messianics in Israel. She read those five points to everyone who came to the gathering in her home -- among them were God's prophetic promises to Israel, salvation through faith in the Messiah's sacrifice, the Second Coming of Yeshua to Israel.

Israelis and Jews are People of the Book. [As national literature, Ben Gurion] About half of this nation would consider themselves conservative politically and living according to some measure of respect for religious tradition. The latest traumas have polarized the secular and conservative wings here more sharply.

Among more conservative Israelis, the terms 'Gog and Magog' and 'footsteps of the Messiah' are heard often in public media spheres. There is awareness here that we are witnessing unprecedented developments leading to events prophesied in the Hebrew scriptures.



Rev 12.1-2 **Now a great sign was seen in heaven — a woman clothed with the sun, under her feet the moon, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and about to give birth, and she screamed in the agony of labor.**

Rev 12.5-6 **She gave birth to a son, a male child, the one who will rule all the nations with a staff of iron.[a] But her child was snatched up to God and his throne; and she fled into the desert, where she has a place prepared by God so that she can be taken care of for 1,260 days.**

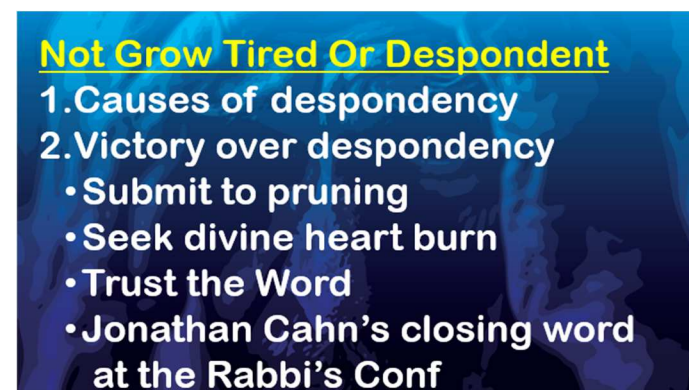
Rev 12.7-10 **Next there was a battle in heaven — Mikha’el and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But it was not strong enough to win, so that there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown out, that ancient serpent, also known as the Devil and Satan [the Adversary], the deceiver of the whole world. He was hurled down to the earth, and his angels were hurled down with him.**

Rev 12.10-11 **Then I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Anointed One, for the accuser of our brothers and sisters—the one who accuses them before our God day and night—has been thrown out. They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives even in the face of death.**

Israel exists to give birth

- To the Messiah, the Scriptures
- To new life. First command, “Be fruitful and multiply.”
- Only by intimacy with the Bridegroom, Moshe, David, Shaul
- Love of Yeshua >> love of life

[Israel is pictured as a pregnant woman.]



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