



Dubin's Digest

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Ministry Update



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Dear *Mishpocha*,

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Greetings from South Florida. During potential life-impacting challenges, it is our hope and our prayer that this letter finds you well and worshipping Yeshua, the Holy One of Israel (Isa. 43:1-3, Heb. 6:19, John 16:33).

During the past several weeks, Deb and I were on the road and had an opportunity to visit several churches and ministry partners in the Rocky Mountain region. We were blessed beyond measure, though not without a few spiritual battles. As you know, the more we build the Kingdom, the greater the enemy attacks us. For example, we had four separate instances where we got a nail in one of each of our tires. Four different tires at four separate times! In the middle of a mountainous region, we became customers of Discount Tire. By the last time, we discussed whether we should consider driving back south and returning home. However, that would have given in to the enemy's schemes, and we would have none of that! We remained very grateful for the prayers that went out on our behalf, so we continued our speaking tour, and it was a very sweet time of service for us.

One of the highlights of our trip was visiting the synagogue in Pueblo that Larry grew up in. His dad had attended that synagogue for over 50 years. I suppose that's why Larry was so recognizable when the rabbi asked him if he was David Dubin's son. (Can you see the resemblance?) We returned to South Florida in the last week of October, and our ministry in this area commenced immediately.



In light of the events of October 7, we set a new course and changed our speaking plans. We felt it essential to call the church to not only pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Israel) but also to understand the biblical and historical evidence as these things were written about in the Scriptures and, therefore, they must happen. God is sovereign and is on the Throne. Nothing that is currently

happening in Israel is happenstance. As Bible-believing Christians, we must know "His-story" and be ready to communicate the Scriptures accurately (1 Peter 3:15). God's word clearly sets forth the Jewish right to occupy land in the Middle East through the Abrahamic covenant (Gen. 12:1). We then focused on educating the body and calling them to prayer.



It has been over a month since Hamas attacked the State of Israel, and we in the United States are observing the rise of antisemitism, too.

There is a plethora of passages that I recommend that you study at

this time. If you would like to practice the craft of being like a Berean (Acts 17:10-11, Amos 3:7, Rom. 15:4), then please send me an email, a note, a text, or even a phone call, and I will make sure that you get the list of Bible passages to meditate upon. In the meantime, please focus on the words recorded in Jeremiah 31:35-37!

The War in Israel and the rise of antisemitism have been incredible platforms to share the biblical story from Genesis to Revelation. God has once again given us opportunities to share biblical truths within our sphere of influence.

As you know, I am reaching out to older, unsaved Jewish people via conversation circles. The broad view of the conversations focuses on current events and how people think about those events. Today's trouble remains an incredible avenue to share the hope and peace that resides in Yeshua. I spend many hours in ministry asking questions and discussing biblical responses. Eddie, Larry, Paul, Rosalie, Susan, David, Marty, and Mike are perplexed by my answers. I covet your prayer support for their salvation. Sometimes, these discussions become very intense. I feel like many of these exchanges are "iron sharpening iron" (Prov. 27:17). Take a moment and imagine what happens when you decide to create a sharp edge on two spoons!

Not only am I communicating with older people, but I also have the opportunity to speak with students at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. During this week's outreach, I felt most students avoided me like the plague, perhaps because they were afraid to engage or didn't know how. There is so much uncertainty these days. However, Joseph, whose mother is a rabbi and who identifies as a JEWBU (Jewish Buddhist), was willing to speak with me. He had some great questions about living a kosher life. Another Gospel seed was planted or watered in this young man's life; please pray for Joseph's salvation.

Deb writes:

Having the opportunity to engage with my circles has led to one of my unsaved contacts asking if she can join me "next time I speak." As we discussed what was happening in Israel, Mindy had no idea about the Israel of her own Jewish roots. This is not the first time she has asked about what I believe or what the Holy Scriptures say. If you remember, I stayed with her in New York earlier this year when I went to visit my sister. During my devotions in the morning, she asked what I was reading, and that led to good conversations as well. It has been three years since I began my small group that she attends. As the Bible says, live your life in such a way that brings glory to God, and He will provide the increase.

I wanted to take a moment to share a few thoughts on my feelings about what is happening with the war in Israel. As you are my Christian family, I want you to know that, at times, I am not okay. I am full of waves of emotions. I am sad, sometimes angry, very concerned, and often think about how safe it is to wear my Jewish star when accessorizing in the morning. Honestly, I need to be wise. I need to survey my surroundings. I need to consider if I want to attend a "Unity for Israel" gathering at a synagogue or other venue. I don't live in fear, but I do know that horrible events are happening these days.

I have been to Israel many times over these last 20 years and have been to many of the villages and cities I read about or see on the news. I have ministry partners, colleagues, and friends that are suffering tremendously. I care about them, their children who are serving, and their well-being, and I care about the Jewish state of Israel.

What your Jewish friends, neighbors, or colleagues need right now is knowing you care. Often, the best way to do this is just to be a good listener. Reach out to them. Pray for them. Tell them (as a Bible-believing Christian) that you love the Jewish people, and you are grieving as well. There's no need to go into any political or religious views. It's not the right time. What I've heard from my Israeli friends is the dividing line between sects within Judaism has broken down. Jewish people unite for the sake of themselves and their country. We must do the same.

I believe that God is doing something major in these times. He had the world's attention during the pandemic when everyone focused on the issue of the virus, and He is getting the world's attention once again. Friends, keep your eyes on Jesus. Be audible, be visible, and use this time to create a bridge as an encourager to your Jewish friends. God doesn't exempt us from being part of "His-story." We know the end of the story. We have hope. We know that He is returning. We know that He loves us, and we know that He promises to redeem the world.

Our ministry (in partnership with Helping Hands in Israel) has set up a relief fund to help displaced families, provide care packages for soldiers, and assisting those who are dealing with trauma caused by the events of October 7, in Israel. So far, we have raised over \$22,000.00. If you would like to donate, please go to donate.cjfm.org.

Please reach out to us should you have any concerns or questions on how to engage with your Jewish friends. We appreciate your love and concern for the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

How may we pray for you?

In Messiah's love,

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is 'Larry' and the second is 'Rosalie'.

Prayer prompts

- ✧ Safety of Israeli soldiers on the front lines
- ✧ Return of the hostages
- ✧ An end to this war
- ✧ The rise in antisemitism against the Jewish people
- ✧ Salvation for Eddie, Larry, Paul, Rosalie, Susan, David, Marty, Mike, and Mindy
- ✧ Opportunities to engage the community about the only Hope for peace, Jesus