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Dear Canadian Partner in Ministry,

Shalom in the name of Jesus our Messiah! We had an exciting end to 2017 at Chosen People Ministries (Canada). The Lord has blessed us through your financial gifts so that we received the third highest December donation income total in our history – just over \$200,000! ***We thank you and praise the Lord for this!***

Toronto Messianic Centre



As you may have read in earlier letters, ***plans for the second floor of the Toronto Messianic Centre were approved by the City of Toronto*** in December. Our architect, David Parker, intends

to have the structural, mechanical and electrical engineering plans prepared this month, and then he'll apply for building permits in March. If all goes well, we hope to begin construction as early as late April. Your faithful prayers and sacrificial giving are still needed for the successful completion of this project. *Help us see this dream come true so that we can minister to many Jewish lives!*

The City of Jerusalem

This month's issue of *The Chosen People* deals with one of the most important and hot topics of our time – **the City of Jerusalem**. At our Haverim-Friends Messianic Bible Conference last September, our theme was ***"Jerusalem – The Eternal Capital of Israel."*** We chose that title because for centuries – but particularly in the last few decades – individuals, businesses and governments have tried to deny what the Bible has stated as fact for thousands of years.

Of course, when we planned Haverim 2017, we didn't know that the President of the United States would declare in December something that had been approved by the US government in 1995 in a document titled *The Jerusalem Embassy Act*, which states three very important facts:

- That the City of Jerusalem is to be recognized as the capital of the State of Israel;
- That it is to remain undivided;
- That the US embassy is to be moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

It was Senator Bob Dole, awarded the Congressional Gold Medal last month, who pushed to make this Act mandatory. But Presidents Clinton, Bush, and Obama each failed to implement the law by signing a waiver to

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the Act every six months. Now President Trump has gone public, promising to fulfill this delayed decision. As might be expected, his action has created unrest, especially at the United Nations where a majority of nations disapproved of what the USA has done. *We pray that Canada will stand for Israel on this.*

Conditional or Unconditional?

Whether you agree or disagree with this political move, the truth of the Bible remains unchanged. God's promises are "yes and amen," and He fulfills them in His perfect time. This is true not only of His promises but, more importantly, of His covenants throughout history.

All the Biblical covenants involve Israel. Some of them are *conditional covenants* and some are *unconditional covenants*. As the name suggests, in a **conditional covenant** God is obligated to fulfill His part of the covenant only when the other party – Israel – fulfills her conditions of the covenant. In other words, if Israel does this or that, then the Lord will do His part. On the other hand, in an **unconditional covenant** God obligates Himself to fulfill His part of the promise regardless of what the other party – Israel – does or doesn't do. Stated differently, God says it and He will do it! Whatever anyone else thinks does not make any difference: God does not change His mind.

A study of the Land covenant between God and Israel clearly shows it to be an *unconditional covenant*. That is



why, at Chosen People Ministries, we unashamedly stand with Israel on this matter. The Bible is clear on these issues. Those who allegorize the Bible, taking everything it says symbolically or who believe the church has "replaced" Israel, stand in direct opposition to this view.

Let me clarify: the fact that we stand with Israel does not mean we approve of everything Israel does as a nation. Nor does it mean we hate Palestinians, Arabs or any other enemy of Israel. Nor does it mean that we don't want the Palestinian Arabs to have their own land and nation. We are followers of Jesus. Our Messiah has taught us to love everyone, including our enemies.

But Chosen People Ministries' specific call from the Lord is to minister to the lost sheep of Israel and to take the Gospel to them first (Romans 1:16). That is why we do what we do at our Mission. We thank you for partnering with us as we fulfill this mandate together!

Until all Israel is saved,

Jorge Sedaca
Executive Director



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