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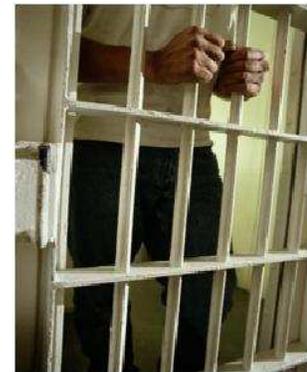
Shalom everyone,

A somewhat belated but none the less heartfelt greeting to all. As is the case for many of you, I'm sure, life is very full and challenging these days. We've just returned from our Sukkoth celebration and are getting back into daily routines, though even more

strongly longing for the Day He will return. Thoughts of Pesach flowed in and through the week as we continue to walk out His moedim.

It always seems we get an answer to our frequent prayers that anything that is not "of Him" among us will be brought into the light and resolved. While not always fun to see, the result of working through these concerns brings fruit and greater strength to our community relationships.

This fall issue brings another installment from one of our **Messianic brothers in prison**, though you will see that he eloquently speaks of the deeper, darker personal prison he was in before accepting Messiah's place in his life. We do continue to pray for Scott and the other Messianic believers behind bars who are in regular contact with us through Marilyn and who



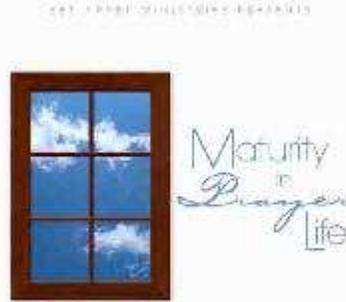
**From Behind
Bars...When I Died
in Prison: When I
Rose to Life in
Prison**

by Scott H.

**We are pleased to
offer an article written
by another of our
Messianic Believers**

have asked for our materials on First Year Torah challenges. Their challenges seem similar to ours on the outside, yet far more intense and focused in the midst of those who have not had this heart change, and the system which is delegated to house, discipline or reform them in all it's own imperfections.

Our **Maturity in Prayer Life CD** is now available for sale through our website and I am exploring marketing opportunities to bring it before the eyes and ears of those our Abba wants to receive it. Your assistance and help doing so would be greatly appreciated. Our time to do this marketing has been severely curtailed as we need to focus more fully on generating regular income.



You may have noticed that there is less new material on the site of late. The desire and the content, as we understand Abba to direct us to provide is there, but our time and finances limit our ability to carry them out. We hear from so many individuals, groups and ministries that are in similar financial need and do not want to burden any one in this way. Yet, if you have been encouraged or blessed through Set Apart Ministries we ask you to prayerfully inquire of our Creator if He would have you become a financial support in the process. It is only what He builds that will stand.

A series on Messianic worship practices has been requested by the editor of the Wisconsin Christian Newspaper and I have been happy to oblige. This opportunity reaches something in the neighborhood of 1500 - 2000 people a month through both printed papers by subscription and free distribution throughout the state, and online at www.wisconsinchristiannews.com. We are also able to advertise our life coaching services and materials through this paper and are the first Messianic group to participate. Rob Pugh, the editor continues to offer the gracious half price sponsorship of \$400 for the year. This has been a financial stretch for us but we do want to be visible and available as a part of the highway of return to the ancient paths to those in our area who may have no other exposure to Y'shua as the Living Torah and what it means to pursue Him in the Hebraic sense.

We gratefully acknowledge [Dr.C. R. Oliver's September newsletter](#) in which he spoke of the tremendous work being done by ministries that teach a return to the ancient paths in these end times:

But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being WITNESSED by the Law and

in prison. Please keep them in prayer.

I died the day I...was raped, when I snorted pills and did drugs, when I gave up and complained and whined, when I gave in and doubted, when I cut and bled, having disobeyed, walked in my own ways, sinned intentionally, resisted the Spirit and did evil in the sight of YHWH, my Creator, when I resented others and hated and held grudges.

Then one day I saw the Jordan, and I crossed over from death to life eternal.

I came to life the day I...dropped to my knees in prayer, had faith and believed, repented and trusted, rejoiced and praised, worshipped and obeyed, when I walked in His statutes and kept His commandments and loved YHWH foremost and my neighbor as myself second.

I was once inside a prison of my own design within a prison. Within my own prison in a prison the walls, bars and wires were made up of...doubt and guilt, defeat and sin,

the Prophets, EVEN the "righteousness of God" which is through FAITH in Jesus Christ (Messiah) to All and on ALL who believe. For there is no difference.

Romans 3:22

(Author's Note: May the many Messianic groups, who are proliferating across the world, get this truth. Your work and ministry have great place in these last days. To familiarize saints with the Torah and the whole spectrum of the Old Testament is a holy work. Ignorance abounds, because the Old Testament has not been taught in its entirety in Christian churches and groups; such ignorance is inexcusable and the blame is squarely on the clergy. Its re-emphasis has brought revival and restoration like in Ezra's day when the promises of God were proven to be never changing. It has been my observation that the carrying out of the great commission diminishes greatly in Messianic groups, which tend to look inward rather than touch a lost and dying world . . . do not let this happen, Truth reaches out!

end quote

C.R. Oliver, September 07 Newsletter

We **do choose** to reach out, and see this Christian Newspaper opportunity as a part of that role. Will you help us bear the financial burden to do so? Any donations received marked for this purpose will go only to this purpose, as always.

October's Teleconference For All Women Only will be held on October 28th at 9 am CST. Our subject this month will be related to the article below. What has it meant in your life to "go through the gates?" The article this month begins a word study on this passage from Isaiah 62: 10 which is the basis for Barry and Batya Siegel's stirring song. We may understand in the Ruach, long before we can reason, all that this implies. As we prepare the way for the people, what rocks or barriers have you found most challenging to clear out of your way and others? If you haven't received the information for these teleconferences, please contact us at our office as soon as possible.

We are excited to attend a **conference with others interested in developing Messianic communities** which would include nearby or shared housing arrangements, cottage industry, cooperative financial arrangements and the practical strategies needed to establish order, stability and maturity to do so. All four of our leaders were asked to attend though only three of us will be able to do so. We have been on the alert for the most economical air fares. Even so, our cost is just under \$1,000. If you have a yearning for Messianic



*condemnation and disobedience and self will! And the whole time I possessed the very key to release my self and set me free from my own self imposed prison I had created for myself to further bind and confine myself inside, in a prison of my own design inside of a prison of **real** bars, wires and walls.*

*But a day of freedom and parole from my inner prison was reached, a day of new revised, renewed eternal life born anew in the Spirit to Eternal life, and freedom from my self-imposed confinement of my own prison. Yes, the chains the adversary once held me in have been disintegrated, obliterated and cast off. The **KEY** was and is and always will be Yahushua Ha Maschiach, the living Son of the Most High El. The **KEY** to Eternal Life and freedom, the **TRUTH**, the **LIGHT**, the **WAY**. He was there the whole time, waiting, watching, desiring for me to accept Him and His help but always the gentleman, respecting my right to choose to call upon Him.*

community life and would be able to help us cover this cost as we come together with like minded people to develop plans in that direction, we would greatly appreciate your support. Our hosts are providing transport to and from the airport, food and lodging but we would like to be able to contribute to their costs as well. This is beyond our means to do so right now.

Prayer support as I prepare the materials we present for this group is also much needed. Will you stand with us in this project in prayer and practical support?

"Therefore, thus says the Lord God: 'Although I have cast them far off among the Gentiles, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet I shall be a little sanctuary for them in the countries where they have gone.' "

Ezekiel 11: 16

In Service to Him, the Gatherer of the Flock;

Barb Klika

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Teleconferences



FOR WOMEN ONLY

Our next monthly teleconference will be held on October 28, 2007 at 9:00 am CST. Watch for the announcement in your email box or contact us if you'd like to receive an invitation. info@setapartmingb.org and ask to be included!

**Go Through the
Gates!**

Prepare the Way for the People!

He anxiously desires greatly to embrace me, to scoop me up and hold me, and comfort me but allowing me to realize He and only He was my KEY that I needed to set me free; but allowing me to hit rock bottom so I would come to the end of myself; to hit rock bottom to start over building upon the Rock a new foundation that will last.

Yes! he's been there the whole time greatly desiring, anticipating, longing and hopeful that I would reach out and accept the keys of the kingdom and to truly be set free.

Today the walls have come down, the bars have been sawed asunder, the wire has been removed and the chains broken. On this day inside prison, I have been set free! They can hold my flesh but can't hold my Spirit and I soar on eagles' wings, set free!

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We love to sing the song and never fail to get encouragement from this directive to prepare the way and build up the highway of our Elohim. Recently, during our Shabbat study, the question of what the out working of going through the gates has involved in each person's life came up. The different kinds of "stones" that have been barriers to going through the gates were as varied as the people themselves. We began to examine the question of whether these gates indicated our initial coming to faith in Messiah or specifically beginning to pursue Torah; our Living Torah and Messiah. What does it take to be a "builder of the highway?"

A word study and examination of this command is in process. Please join us to add your thoughts and understanding of this directive from the set apart prophet, Isaiah/Yesheyahu. The cost to record this teleconference is about \$50 and would include free long distance call-ins for up to 10 people. We intend to provide this service so that the long distance fee doesn't keep anyone away. If you are able to help us with this fee, we would be grateful. Recording of the conference allows us the option to edit and present it on our website.

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## **MESSIANIC FELLOWSHIP LEADERS TELECONFERENCES**

These teleconferences are currently on hold until resources and time permit.

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## Exploring the Meaning of: Go Through the Gates Part 1

***Go through, go through the gates;  
Prepare the way for the people.  
Cast up, cast up the highway;  
gather out the stones;  
lift up a standard for the people.***

Isaiah 62: 10

At a SAM Torah study some weeks ago, we came into discussion of the concept of "going through the gates" (Isaiah 62:10) and what that might actually refer to, beyond just a physical movement. It certainly brings a stirring emotional response and joy as we sing Barry and Batya Siegel's worship music entitled *Go Through the Gates* as it goes on to extend the call to "prepare the way for the people" which we understand as part of our call.

We can see that coming to faith in Messiah by itself, is a kind of coming through the gates of belief, as Messiah is portrayed as a door through which everyone must enter, yet we also observe a similar process occurs as we come into Torah pursuance. Some of our members seem to be making this journey concurrently; coming from a more formal church background and not having been taught how to love Messiah, they are now entering into relationship with Him as well as becoming Torah pursuant. (We hesitate to say Torah observant because we know how very much we have to learn and that there is no way we could "compete" with those who have grown up in Torah. Ah, then what advantage have those of Yehudah . . . )

By definition and straight forward meaning, we intend to examine the main concepts of this verse. In Part One, we will consider the first line and our thoughts.

**Go Through** is Strongs # 5674 *abar*

a primitive root, to cross over, used very widely of any transition, literal or figurative to make go over, to convey over, to order, to deliver.

**the gates** is Strongs # 8179 *sha'ar*

an opening, door or gate, city, port. Plural in the verse and in the song; no indication of capitalization.

Is it more than just coming to faith to "go through the gates"? Is it specifically coming into Torah pursuance? Is building up the highway a specific reference to Torah community and restoration of the ancient paths as we learn and teach others or is it just about coming into faith that there is a Savior Who has made a way for us? We noticed, too, that the song says "for" the people while the KJV says "of" the people.

We all recognize it as a reference to a return to our heritage, Jerusalem, that is a sure and certain hope for our future because YHWH has said so. Beyond this, some thought of the "going through the gates" as entering into the city while others thought of it as a going out.

In typical Hebrew mindset, we see that it is most likely both/and: going in and coming out. Actually physically going to enter the city, or coming out through the gates to welcome others is perhaps the literal meaning.

In a spiritual sense, or *remez*, we perceive the picture of the process of maturing in faith. The development of a mature prayer life is very much like entering the Tabernacle; from the point of entry-the gate-representing Messiah Himself, moving ever closer to the Holy of Holies. It is a going in of developing relationship depth and breadth to our faith.

In the course of going in to the city, we perceive the travelers we may draw along with us as we walk. We envision ourselves as part of the highway of return to the ancient paths of keeping the *moedim* and honoring our Hebrew *Maschiach*, *Y'shua*. Because we walk it out, we show that it can be done today in a YHWH honoring way, if

not perfectly in line with tradition.

There is also the sense of **going back out** "through the gates" to prepare the way, smooth it, be a forger of paths, once we have drawn our strength, discernment and equipping from Messiah. In some ways it seems imperative that we actually have gone in so that we are equipped to look back and encourage those who come after. Yet it is also true, that our obedience to **just go in at all** is a witness to others and is actually being a part of the highway of return itself! What an awesome responsibility He has given us to be alive at this point in time, as the exile ends, the fullness of the gentiles comes in and He provides sanctuary and the return call. (Lev. 26: 44; Ezekiel 11: 16-17)

Review of the Strongs entries for each of the significant words confirms that this "going through the gates" refers to a transition time, both in the literal and figurative sense. There may be an idiomatic sense too, of a provocation to anger in the proclamation to cross over, which we are researching a bit more.

It brings to mind the "crossing over" that was and is required throughout the history of YHWH's called out ones; the unassembled assembly; the *kahal*. As we go through a gate, we are crossing over the line established by the wall. We are either in or out.

Going through the gates represents a determination, a decision not to turn back, but to commit to a new mode of action or course of life.

The use of the term "gates" in plural would seem to confirm the physical sense of the many gates in the wall of the city of Jerusalem, with no apparent intent for it to be viewed in the figurative sense of Messiah being the door or gate, that we perceive. I don't think this makes the perception wrong but perhaps puts it in the category of a *remez*, or spiritual understanding that the Ruach conveyed to us at this time for His purposes.

**TO BE CONTINUED**

Blessings of strength and peace to you all!

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