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***Keep It Up!***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Yeshua the Messiah,

Grace, peace, health, love and joy be upon you from YHWH, the Father of our Messiah Yeshua. Amen.

The **AWAKENING IN THE WORD** "Leaven Free" messianic Torah commentary based on the ancient triennial Torah cycle, in use in the land of Israel in the days of Yeshua our Messiah, is now over half-way complete. The books of Bereshit (Genesis) and Shemot (Exodus) are complete and available in several formats; Online, DVD, Audio CD, MP3, and Loose-leaf Printed Version. From the start it has been my heart to produce an extremely valuable resource for the edification of the body of Messiah. While yet in Seminary, studying to be a Lutheran pastor, I realized that many of the commentaries, dictionaries, and other study resources were biased toward the doctrinal positions of the denominations publishing the resources. This meant that nearly all of the commentaries that I read were written in support of the Christian Church's doctrines. As I came out of the church and began studying Torah, I discovered that all of the various Torah commentaries that I purchased were likewise biased toward Rabbinic or Talmudic Judaism. Again, the study resources were written to support specific Rabbinic or Talmudic doctrines. Every time I utilized these various resources I felt like a pendulum swinging between Christianity and Rabbinic Judaism. While there was good information to be gleaned from these resources it required a great deal of time, insight, and prayer to sort out what was true and what was fiction. As I talked with other students of the Torah, I realized that they too were struggling to discern what belonged to the word of God and what belonged to the word of man. As I worked my way through the Torah year after year I began learning how to sift out the leaven of doctrinal bias. I felt that the Father was calling me to create a resource that would help others understand the word of YHWH and be able to sort things out for themselves. After several years of teaching the Torah I knew it was time to begin this life changing project. A year and a half later, the project is over half way complete and already bearing a great deal of fruit. It is our hope at A Rood Awakening Ministries to make this resource available to as many people as possible. We have thus far been able to post all of the weekly teachings and the video teachings on the website at no cost to those who desire to watch them. Needless to say, by "giving the product away" we run the risk of not being able to sustain the project to the end. But we genuinely want to keep these teachings available to everyone. To do this, however, we are trusting that all those who are being blessed by these teachings will give whatever they can to keep this resource available and to help us complete the project.

Every week believers from around the world push a button and the weekly Torah portion is instantly made available to them. But from our end the process is a little different. I begin working on the portion early in the week. My work day begins at 5 AM with an hour and a half drive to work, and ends at 5 PM followed by another hour and half drive home. My work week is Sunday through Friday. After researching, studying and praying over the text I generally begin writing and rewriting

the portion on Friday and Sunday. As soon as I'm done writing the portion, I send it off to Israel where Connie Tobias proofreads the portion for spelling, grammatical, syntactical, and Hebrew errors. Connie will often call me with insights and last minute rewrites and corrections. Then first thing Monday morning I enter the studio with Jonathan Jermyn, Travis Hoogendoorn and Mac Blink who prepare the studio, and film the portion. Mac and Travis then edit the video version and format it for posting on the website and for turning it into a DVD. After filming, I return to my office to write the e-mail blast content and give it to Robyn our Creative Director, who puts together the e-mail blast with all of the necessary links and buttons for viewing and for donations. Connie sends the edited print version to Abby Hartger who turns the "word doc." into a PDF file and posts it on the websites. Abby also is responsible for posting the downloadable version on the website and making sure all of the links to the various portions, video and print version work correctly. Abby sends the edited print version to Robyn Porteen who then re-formats the print version to be sent to the printer for inclusion in the printed loose-leaf commentary. Mac records the voice-overs introducing the portions and gives the edited DVD files to Abby to be posted. Abby then lifts the sound track from the DVD file and turns it into an audio CD. Once this is complete Abby then burns these files into DVD's and CD's for sale. When the DVD's, CD's, and Printed portions are ready, they are stuffed into their prospective covers and sent upstairs where Denise Rodriguez, Lisa Dykhouse, and Anna Leech stock the shelves, receives the orders, and ship them out to those who purchase them. At the same time all of this is going on, Evelyn Lopez our receptionist and Spanish translator begins translating the written portion into Spanish. These are all of the people who directly work to get the weekly Torah portion posted on the website in a timely fashion. Richard Vore our CFO and his assistant Michelle Saukas make sure that we have the money available to pay salaries, maintain our website, buy blank DVD's, CD's, cases, paper, labels, packaging, postage, printer costs and the necessary equipment to produce. Victoria Klump helps to keep me on track by helping to carry the administrative weight of the ministry so that I may give myself wholly to my labors. Victoria also sees that these teachings are sent to various prisons around the country. I also need to point out that there are a minimum of three to four portions in process on any given week. Keep in mind that the weekly **AWAKENING IN THE WORD** program is just one of a number of other projects that each person on our staff is responsible for. All of these people work hard and long to get this weekly portion to you in a timely and useful fashion every week. I should also mention that there are various others around the globe voluntarily translating these portions into other languages.

We genuinely desire to get this word out to the world. We hope to keep these teachings available on the internet for everyone who desires to study the PURE TORAH with us. But to keep this project going we need your help. As you can see there are a lot of people working hard to get this word to you at the mere push of a button. Therefore we are asking that if you are enjoying this teaching or are being blessed by this labor of love please consider helping us to keep the **AWAKENING IN THE WORD** program going. We trust that if we honor your request to keep all of the teachings in the series available on line, that you, the body of Messiah, will support us with your generous support. Like Moses, however, we want only those gifts that are given from the heart! So please pray and ask the Father if this is part of His plan for the resources that he has entrusted to your stewardship.

I also want to thank all of you who have subscribed to the project, and those who have purchased the Commentary. Without you this project would not be possible. We are all very grateful for your continued support.

I pray that our work is indeed a blessing to you all.  
Thank you for your support and prayers.

*Shalom*  
*Glenn McWilliams*