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"Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem." Psalm 122:2

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Dear Jewish Jewels Mishpochah,

Beautiful Feet

Our focus for the month of May is somewhat unusual, but very scriptural: feet! In Bible times, feet had it "rough." They were largely uncovered, in sandals, and served as the main mode of transportation. Yeshua's feet took Him everywhere He wanted to go. The only time we read about Him riding (a donkey) was when He entered the city of Jerusalem the week before His crucifixion. Our Messiah's feet were often dusty and covered with dirt or mud. But to the woman in Luke 7:37 who washed Yeshua's feet with her tears, wiped them with her hair, kissed and anointed them, they were beautiful. They carried the One who came to bear the sin of the entire world, beginning with her sin.

Never say that your feet are ugly! If you are a child of God, bearing the Good News of Messiah, you have beautiful feet! *"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, Your God reigns!"* (Isa. 52:7) The mountains spoken of in this verse don't necessarily mean physical mountains. They also represent high places, the world with its lofty, pride-filled, high-minded perspective, as opposed to the lowly. As we prepare the way of the Lord, *"Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill brought low..."* (Isa. 40:4) Our feet are beautiful as we follow the Spirit of God in sharing the message of Messiah to a lost and dying world.

We remember a time when the late Derek Prince told us that his wife Ruth, from her teenage years on, thought that she had ugly legs. She frequently said to herself and others, "I hate my legs." Ruth ended up with serious medical conditions in her legs. Derek believed that all those years his precious wife had been cursing her own legs. He decided to reverse that curse, and started to bless her legs, and tell her how beautiful they were. Ruth's legs became healthier.

There is definitely a connection between the physical and the spiritual. Be kind to your feet—in word and deed. The woman who gives Jamie a pedicure from time to time, is unaware that she almost always says to her: "You have such nice feet." She said this one time as Jamie was witnessing to the person in the chair next to her. Your feet can be beautiful as well: Share Yeshua!!

Hinds' Feet

Many of you are familiar with Hannah Hurnard's classic book, **Hinds' Feet on High Places**. This beautiful allegory is based on a verse from the prophet Habakkuk: *"The LORD God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's (hinds') feet, and He will make me walk on my high hills."* (Hab. 3:19; See also Ps. 18:33 and 2 Sam. 22:34) If we have feet like the hind or female deer, we will be sure footed, equipped to skip upon mountains. Ms. Hurnard states that the "high places" in God are faith and obedience. These, she says, are the "powerhouses" from which Love pours itself down like a waterfall, in joyful surrender. In her words, "One can never truly love until by faith and surrendered obedience one reaches the high places and there learns to go 'skipping and leaping' on the mountains of difficulty as though they were an asphalt road!"

We were surprised to read that despite an aversion to Jewish people in the natural, Ms. Hurnard answered the call of God to identify with the Jewish people, and go live among them in the Land of Israel in 1932. Hinds' feet enabled her to overcome fear, opposition and a very uncertain future, to fulfill the call of her Messiah.

Can we have hinds' feet? Absolutely! First, we must determine to make Love our greatest goal. Next, we must desire to be like Yeshua who comes, according to the Song of Songs, "leaping upon the mountains, skipping on the hills." Big problems (mountains) or small ones (hills) are not obstacles to our Lord. He leaps and skips over them. We can do the same for we are "*...more than conquerors through Him who loved us*" (Rom. 8:37). Finally, we must realize that suffering and sorrow are tools in the hands of a Good God to help transform our earth-bound feet into sure-footed, agile, deer-like feet, capable of ascending great heights with little difficulty.

We highly recommend **Hinds' Feet in High Places**. The spiritual journey of the protagonist, "Much-Afraid," may be the story of someone in your life—perhaps you! The book details the process of acquiring hinds' feet, and the victory of reaching the High Places, and the Kingdom of Love.

Pierced Feet

Of the four psalms that speak of the death of the Messiah (Ps. 22, 40, 69, and 118), Psalm 22 is perhaps the most profound, since it contains a wealth of detail concerning the passion of the Lord, and shows Him as the final Sin-offering. "*For dogs have surrounded Me; the congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet.*" (Ps. 22:16) This psalm, written by David in 1050 B.C., contains thirty-three items describing death by crucifixion, according to T. Ernst Wilson in **The Messianic Psalms**. As Mr. Wilson points out, "When we consider that this cruel and painful method of execution was invented by the Roman army many centuries later, it gives us a vivid demonstration of the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures by the Spirit of God." AMEN!

Pierced feet were part of the crucifixion process. If we are crucified with the Messiah as Galatians 2:20 tells us, then our feet are also pierced. What could that possibly mean? Our feet are the part of our body that are in contact with the world. We walk among the unregenerate, the unclean, the ungodly on a daily basis. But we can live in the world and not be conformed to it. We are called to be dead to the world, dead to sin, and alive to righteousness. Washed daily by the Word of God, we crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts (Gal. 5:24). At His last Passover Seder, Yeshua made mention of the fact that even though we have been cleansed, our feet still need washing: "*...He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean...*" (John 13:10). Washing feet, in this case, is a metaphor for dying to the world, remaining separate from all that is unclean and ungodly.

Sanctified feet are part of the believers' armor in Ephesians 6:15, "*...shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.*" They take us where God wants us to go, not where we want to go. Feet which are "crucified unto the world" (Gal. 6:14), are also feet which follow the Lord in His special days: "*If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight...then you shall delight yourself in the Lord; and I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth...*" (Is. 58:13-14). Finally, Messiah's crucified feet will be seen again according to the Jewish prophet Zechariah: "*And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives...*" (Zec. 14:4). "*And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.*" (Zec. 12:10)

Sitting at Yeshua's Feet

Wouldn't it be wonderful to sit at the feet of our Messiah? Mary did (Luke 10:39). So did Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg, as they researched and wrote **Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus**, a perfect introduction to the Jewishness of Jesus. (Great gift for your pastor or Sunday school teacher!)

The authors draw from the latest Jewish and Christian scholarship in Israel, and provide clear understanding of the Messiah's first-century Jewish world—his culture, lifestyle, rabbinic teaching methods and messianic claims.

For example, there is an ancient saying attributed to Yose ben Yoezer, a rabbinic teacher of the second century B.C., that was very well known at the time of Yeshua: "Let your house be a meeting place for the rabbis, and cover yourself in the dust of their feet, and drink in their words thirstily." Can't you picture Mary of Bethany and the group that gathered at her home eagerly receiving Yeshua and his disciples after a long walk over dusty roads? In Bible times itinerant rabbis (teachers) walked from town to town teaching from the Torah, asking no pay in return. It was a great honor to open one's home and offer hospitality to a visiting teacher and to sit at his feet and study the Scriptures—getting as close to those dusty feet as possible! That's what a disciple did. The rabbi sat on a low pillow or chair, and the disciples sat on the ground on mats around Him. Because of this custom, "sit at his feet" became an idiom for learning from a rabbi. Remember Paul in Acts 22:3? He described himself as someone who was "...brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the strictness of our fathers' law..."

May we all follow Yeshua so closely that the dust from his sandals touches us. May we sit so close to Him that we are the ones to wash the dust from His feet with our tears of gratitude for all He has done for us. Let us not make excuses like the Shulamite in the Song of Songs (5:3) when, in response to the Bridegroom's knock at her door, replied: *"...I have washed my feet; How can I defile them?"*

Washing Feet

The first time the washing of feet appears in the Bible is in Gen. 18:4 at Abraham's tent where he received the "LORD" (vs. 1). In the next verse (vs. 2), Abraham lifted up his eyes and "three" men stood by him. Again, mysteriously, Abraham says in verses 3-4: *"...My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant. Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree."*

Foot washing was an integral part of Middle Eastern hospitality. It was done to sandaled feet, dirty from dry, dusty roads. Yeshua made mention of this custom when He was a guest at the house of Simon the Pharisee: *"...I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she [referring to Mary] has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head"* (Luke 7:44). It was usually the servants' job to wash the feet of their masters and guests, on returning from a journey and on retiring to bed. When King David sent for Abigail of Carmel to come be his wife, her response was: *"...Here is your maidservant, a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord"* (1 Sam. 25:41). When the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy concerning providing for widows in the congregations, one of his stipulations was that the widow must have a reputation for good works *"...if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet..."* (1 Tim. 5:10).

Our Messiah Yeshua set an amazing example for His talmidim (disciples) at His final Passover Seder when He *"...laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded"* (Jn. 13:4-5). The disciples must have been shocked by this gesture of servanthood on the part of their Rabbi. Instead of sitting at His feet, He was washing the dust from their feet! A huge paradigm shift. *"So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.'"* (Jn. 13:12-15)

Of course, we can interpret this symbolically, understanding correctly that Yeshua wants us to serve one another in love and humility. However, we believe that washing feet should be more

than symbolic. Have you ever physically washed someone else's feet? Have you ever had your feet washed? It is a moving experience, humbling for both parties involved. Many people weep when someone washes their feet, sensing love and the presence of the Lord. For some, foot washing can be a wonderful way to heal broken relationships.

We were very touched years ago when we videotaped a TV segment in Jerusalem at a ministry home where evangelical German sisters minister to Holocaust survivors—washing their feet—literally and symbolically. The outpouring of love, from such an unexpected source, (given the realities of the Nazi Holocaust) has resulted in profound healing, restoration and reconciliation over the years.

Perhaps this month is a month of breakthrough for you as you take the step to say to someone: "I want to wash your feet. Please let me do that for you." Pray for them, as your gentle touch washes away sadness, bitterness, fear, unforgiveness, and all manner of hurts.

Satan...Under Our Feet

We close this month proclaiming victory to you in Yeshua's Name. Our Messiah made the following declaration in Luke 10:18-19: *"...I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."* The idea of Satan, the Serpent, being under the feet of the righteous is a truth that runs from Genesis to Revelation. On the day when the Lord delivered David from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul, he said concerning them: *"...They have fallen under my feet. For You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose against me"* (2 Sam. 22:39-40). David's son Solomon, upon succeeding his father as king, commented to Hiram king of Tyre that the Lord had put David's foes *"...under the soles of his feet"* (1Kin. 5:3).

We are given an encouraging word in the Brit Hadasha concerning our victory over the enemy if we are *"...wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly"* (Rom. 16:19-20).

The Brit Hadasha also makes it clear in many verses, such as Ephesians 1:22, that God has put *"all things"* under the Messiah's feet. This includes the devil and his cohorts. Since we are "in Him," the enemy is under our feet as well. We must stand in the authority God has given us through Yeshua!

"Together let us ponder the path of our feet, that all our ways may be established." (Pr. 4:26)

The victory is ours in Yeshua. Love, *Neil & Jamie*

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THU 11:30 AM	FL	Miami/Ft. Laud.	WHFT TV 45
SUN 1:30 PM	FL	Tallahassee	WVUP TV 45
SAT 10:30 PM	FL	West Palm Beach	WFGC TV 61
SUN 2:30 PM	GA	Columbus	WYBU TV 16
SUN 1:30 PM	IA	Dubuque	KFXB TV 40
SUN 1:30 PM	MO	New Bloomfield	KNLJ TV 25
SUN 4:00 PM	NJ/NY	NYC/New Jersey	WMBC TV 63
SUN 2:30 PM	OH	Columbus	GTN TV 23
SUN 12:00 PM	OR	Portland	K26GJ TV 26
SUN 12:00 PM	OR	Salem	K21GX TV 21

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