



# THE SEASON OF THE LORD'S ROAR IS UPON US

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*A Christian ministry assisting Jewish people moving to Israel*



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As I pondered what would encourage you in this new year—with all its uncertainties—I have been looking back at some of the miracles during Ebenezer Operation Exodus’ beginnings, as well as at the ongoing miracles of last year in Operation Exodus USA.

Ebenezer was born in January 1991 during the first Persian Gulf War. At the annual conference in Jerusalem, when the sirens sounded everyone donned their gas mask (much worse than COVID masks) and hurried to the sealed room. Conversations sounded more like dogs barking than a serious reminder that the Lord had said, “Now you can begin helping My people go home.” Later, in December of that same year, the first sailing departed from Odessa, in Ukraine, and headed to the port of Haifa, Israel.

Gustav Scheller’s book *Operation Exodus, Prophecy Being Fulfilled* tells the incredible story of the early years. God was constantly intervening to help the Jewish people return.

Then came years of countless prayer journeys. We knew we were obeying Isa. 57:16 and Isa. 62:10 to remove the blockages and build up the highways for the already-large flow of immigrants fleeing

the last vestiges of the former Soviet Union. Gustav and his wife Elsa spent eight days and nights on trains to cross Siberia and open bases in cities across that barren wilderness where thousands of Jewish people who had endured persecution were learning they were finally free to leave.

In 2003, after much prayer, the sailings ceased and the pronouncement was made that each country was responsible for its own Aliyah—excluding Russia, where international funds were still needed. Within three years, Operation Exodus USA had helped “home” their first *Olim* (Jewish immigrants). The Jewish Agency in New York City welcomed our assistance, and the work of US Aliyah commenced. All glory to our mighty King!

Fast forward to 2020. Many in the US and in the nations have been surprised to learn that Aliyah did not stop last year. While many commercial flights were not permitted to land at Ben Gurion Airport, planes carrying Jewish people were welcomed. We helped close to 500 *Olim* last year. Each individual’s and each family’s Aliyah is a miracle as real as the most dramatic ones. Even two weeks of quarantine after their arrival in Israel did not deter these Jewish immigrants.

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# PROPHECY THE LION'S ROAR—USA ALIYAH

*The lion has roared; who will not fear?  
The LORD God has spoken; who can  
but prophesy?*  
Amos 3:8 ESV

Operation Exodus USA has been called by the LORD to prophesy to all American Jewish people that now is the time to make Aliyah from the USA. There are over seven million in the US, and now, more than ever before, they are tuning in to the roar of the Lion of Judah. That roar is echoing in the hearts of God's people, urging them to come home to Zion!

At this time a year ago, I was writing my first OEUSA newsletter article to kick off the new year. I was filled with great faith—God's faith—as was our team. We were excited and determined to enter into a new work that would propel us into the *greater Aliyah*. We anticipated witnessing the great miracles that only God can perform for the Aliyah of His people. Now, looking back, we see that is exactly what happened. We witnessed the powerful miracle of Aliyah in motion—God's Prophetic Word being fulfilled despite the calamity of the pandemic that plagued every nation in the world.

As we enter into this new year, 2021, our eyes are wide open to the instability and perilous times we are facing in our nation. Apart from God, we are defenseless against the tyranny gripping our country. The catastrophe that befell our nation last year is increasing with each passing day. To be truthful, the events taking place now are shocking and

difficult to process. They are bringing fear and uncertainty to many people, including our Jewish friends. Unfortunately, in today's environment filled with hate, they will feel the impact of anti-Semitism like never before.

You cannot ignore the lion's roar. In the natural it brings fear; it is a warning of imminent danger. But the roar of the LORD reveals the fear of God—the beginning of wisdom—the knowledge of the LORD. In that knowledge of Him, we have no fear. We operate in His power and love, and we have full confidence to do all that He desires of us—to obey Him and do all His commandments. To fear God is to walk in the fullness of all His blessings, as it is written in the following scripture:

*The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high; he will fill Zion with justice and righteousness, and he will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is Zion's treasure.*  
Isaiah 33:5-6 ESV

Thank you for your deep commitment to pray, intercede, and support the work of OEUSA. Jewish people in our nation will need our assistance like never before. Much will be required of all of us in the days ahead. As we serve our God in obedience, surrendering our wills to His perfect will, He is faithful to show us the way forward. May the fear of the LORD bring stability to every facet of our lives. In God we trust!



JOHN PROSSER  
PRESIDENT/CEO

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# HEAR HIM ROAR FROM ZION

*The LORD also will roar from Zion,  
And utter His voice from Jerusalem;  
The heavens and earth will shake;  
But the LORD will be a shelter for  
His people, And the strength of the  
children of Israel.*

Joel 3:16 NKJV



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Despite the pandemic more than 20,000 *Olim* have made Aliyah from the North, South, East and West in 2020. As we start 2021 there is an expectation that we will see Aliyah increase. We are entering days that we hear many Jewish People sharing with us that it is now time that they seriously have to consider to make Aliyah. Others who have already decided to move to Israel are sharing they are leaving just in time.

God is fulfilling His word to Israel. We see the Miracle of Aliyah all around us.

Many Jewish People from the nations have heard the ROAR from Zion and have gone home to Eretz Israel.

Operation Exodus USA has been blessed with your help and support to assist approximately 500 *Olim* to go home to Israel in 2020.

As we watch this pandemic continue and many other challenges around us it

is time that our Jewish friends hear the Lord ROAR from Zion for them to come home to Eretz Israel.

May our prayers be that the Jewish People hear the ROAR and run to the ROAR.

For some of our Jewish friends, making Aliyah is a dream that comes true only after many years.

We have the privilege to come alongside them to encourage and comfort them as they stand before one of the biggest decisions they have to make.

We can encourage them with sharing words of courage – Courage is a key you really need when you hear the ROAR. Hearing the ROAR means it is time for action.

Encouraging words we can share are:

Don't run away from what you're afraid of.

Don't let fear dictate your decisions. Fight for the dream God has put in your heart.

Run to the roar. Fight for your dreams.

These are days that prayerfully we need to continue to stand strong with our Jewish friends as they Hear Him Roar from Zion.



**CHANA and family:** "We strive to encourage the rest of our families to join us in the Holy Land and merit to witness the ushering in of the Messiah speedily in our days. We deeply believe that the Ultimate Redemption depends on each and every one of us doing our utmost."



**Aryeh:** "When they closed the borders to non-Israeli citizens during COVID we were shocked and saddened by the idea that we could not return to our heritage land whenever we wanted. We had always thought of making Aliyah, but this was the final "nail" to make us realize we had to make the move."

# REFLECT, CONSIDER AND RENEW

*Commit your work to the LORD, and  
your plans will be established.*  
Proverbs 16:3 ESV

Looking back at the past thirty years of God's ongoing faithfulness in providing the means to fulfill our calling to help the Jewish people in the Aliyah from the nations, we must pause, reflect and always remember that the fulfillment of His prophetic Word for the regathering of Israel is for the glory of His name. In this light, it is imperative that every new generation of leaders embraces the call to recognize the progress achieved by the pioneers, and while standing on their shoulders, look further ahead and proclaim the things to come while bringing the work to the level required for the times ahead. What we are seeing unfold is both the physical and spiritual restoration of Israel as the Lord is positioning this ministry to be ready for an even greater movement of Aliyah than the world has ever seen, in anticipation of the coming of Messiah. To this end, we want to renew our commitment to be instruments of the Lord for the fulfillment of God's end-time purposes for the return of His people.

In Europe, it goes without saying that 2020 was a very challenging year for the Jewish communities, as many have been rocked by the COVID-19 pandemic (this explains the steady decline in Aliyah trends) and the rise of anti-Semitism. The state of Israel is aware of the situation

facing the European Jewry and is doing everything it can to assist the Jewish communities in dealing with the challenging consequences of the pandemic, as well as other emergencies, including the uptick in anti-Semitism hate crime (help is provided so that Jewish communities can organize around issues of safety). I believe that these factors, combined with a very challenging year ahead, will amplify the uncertainties of living in a continent in rapid decline. Could it be that we are on the verge of a major social crisis that will result in thousands of *Olim* (Jewish immigrants) starting to leave Europe?

The restrictions implemented in Europe have affected Ebenezer Operation Exodus (EOE) as well, but not God. In fact, our daily online prayer meetings have served to strengthen the bonds of unity and fellowship.

May the Lord richly grant to all friends of EOE and Operation Exodus USA a measure of grace to fulfill His desire through them for the Aliyah of the Jewish people from the USA.



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Olim family from Ukraine



Yossi and family made Aliyah  
from London, UK





# THE DEEP ROAR OF COMPASSION

*My heart is torn within me, and my compassion overflows.*  
Hosea 11:8b NLT



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In prayer we connect with the heart of the LORD. Hosea 11:8 reveals the extraordinary depths of His love for His people in exile. In verse 10 we are shown His motivation for the roar: *compassion*. His people have been unfaithful to Him, disobedient, rebellious, and unwilling to repent, yet His compassion overflows.

The Tree of Life Version expresses another facet of His love and compassion: “My heart is turning over within Me. My compassions are kindled.” The love in His heart causes compassion that flows like water but also burns like holy fire, eliciting His roar from an unfathomably deep place in His heart. It is an awesome honor to be filled with—and flow in—His compassion as it fuels our prayers.

In context, His people had been unfaithful to Him—comparable in human terms to an adulterous wife. Any human heart would have given up on them and given them over to their deserved consequences. But He says, “No, I will not unleash my fierce anger...for I am God and not a mere mortal. I am the Holy One living among you...” Hosea 11:9 NLT.

Combine this deep eternal love and holy compassion with royal authority and power, and the result is: “For someday the people will follow me. I the LORD, will roar like a lion.” Hosea 11:10a NLT.

The LORD who is roaring is the Lion of Judah! Jacob prophesied, “Judah, my son, is a young lion...The scepter will not depart from Judah...” Genesis 49:9-10 NLT. The book of Revelation confirms: “...Look, the Lion of the tribe of Judah... has won the victory.” Revelation 5:5 NLT.

This roar is compassionate beyond human comprehension; it is also authoritative above all human authority. It is a royal roar that will not fail in its purpose. “And when I roar, my people will return trembling from the west.” Hosea 11:10b NLT. He is simultaneously calling His people out of exile from the west with compassion and authority, plus confusing and paralyzing every enemy attempt to stop the Aliyah.

Why are His people trembling as they return? Perhaps the answer is as deep as the roar itself and beyond human comprehension. The Jewish people are responding to a call that is inexplicable. Although the days are dark and very compatible with ungodly fear, we perceive His people are responding to something else—to the roar of The Holy One of Israel (Hosea 11:9)—an unmistakable signal in the depths of their hearts and a powerful release to return to Him from exile.

We invite you to join us as we join the LORD in compassionate, authoritative intercession for the Aliyah. Please visit our website at [www.operationexodususa.org](http://www.operationexodususa.org) or call 716.681.6300 to get involved.

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# KNOWING GOD'S WAYS

*He made known His ways to Moses,  
His acts to the children of Israel.  
Psalm 103:7 NKJV*

When we understand God's ways, we won't fear or complain like the children of Israel did in the wilderness. God wants us—His people in these last days—to know His ways so we can be involved in what He is doing.

As Christians, during these times of “shaking of everything that can be shaken,” we need to understand God's ways. The difference between knowing God's *works* and knowing His *ways* is like the difference between peace and panic, involvement and passivity.

*“...The sons of Issachar understood the times, they also knew what they should do...”* 1 Chronicles 12:32 (paraphrased).

Now, as God is shaking every facet of society worldwide, He is orchestrating His purposes and fulfilling prophecies of the restoration of all things, as spoken by all the prophets. Israel's restoration is taking place in our lifetime.

2020 proved to be a year of earth-shaking times. If we don't understand God's ways, it can be a time when, *“Men's hearts are failing them from fear (and) the expectation of those things, which are coming on the earth...”* Luke 21:26a NKJV.

I believe the Lord God wants His people to understand the times and know

what He wants to accomplish during this worldwide shaking. Each of us lives for a time, with a very limited perspective, but God sees the completed picture. When Jesus was crucified and rose again, the disciples had no comprehension of what was happening. In Luke we read, *“And He opened their understanding (minds), that they might comprehend the Scriptures.”* Luke 24:45 NKJV.

To know God's will, we must know God's ways. It takes “revelation.”

*“Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained.”* Proverbs 29:18a. If God's people have no revelation of what God is doing, they don't know what to do, don't do anything, or just do as they wish.

Paul told the Gentile Roman believers, *“I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery (of Israel), brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited...”*

Romans 11:25a NIV. Ignorance leads to pride, which is spiritual blindness.

God is looking for laborers with whom He can share His purposes. Have we caught the vision? If we have the vision and begin to feel God's heart, no sacrifice is too great for our involvement.

Dear Lord, open my understanding of the mystery of Israel's restoration. In these last days, as You are planting Your people back in the Land with all Your heart and soul, help us to feel that love and desire to partner with You in this miraculous, holy work of Aliyah.



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# THE LION OF JUDAH HAS CONQUERED

*...Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.*  
Rev 5:5 ESV



ADRIANNE PROSSER  
OUTREACH DEVELOPMENT  
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**He is roaring for  
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**W**e are starting this new year with great resolve and absolute confidence, standing in the power of God's unfathomable love and commitment to the covenant He made to a thousand generations. Today, as co-partners of God's holy work of Aliyah, we bear the responsibility to remind our Jewish brothers and sisters of God's promises and His desire to reveal His love and faithfulness to them.

Remember that the Lord your God is the only God and that he is faithful. He will keep his covenant and show his constant love to a thousand generations of those who love him and obey his commands. Deuteronomy 7:9 GNT

We are living in dangerous and urgent times. Let us raise our level of commitment to our LORD, to pray and support this holy work. He is roaring for His people to follow Him—to enter into the fullness of the Father's promises. He has prepared the way of their return—He has conquered it all! Their God, our God, will rule and reign forever; His kingdom is established in the Heavens, and it cannot be shaken. All glory and honor are due Him!

Join us; be a voice in your region. You are the mouthpiece that God is using to declare and proclaim the importance of Aliyah in these last days. Thank you for your support. We are praying for your well-being and all those whom you love. Stay well and be safe! We would be honored to hear back from you. Please see contact information at bottom of page.

## OPERATION EXODUS USA — APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD POSITION

OEUSA is pleased to announce the appointment of Peter McEwan as Board Director/Treasurer. Peter's extensive experience in the corporate and private sectors will bring considerable strength to our Board.

For over a decade, Peter and his family have been faithful supporters of OEUSA. They have a great understanding of God's everlasting covenant with Israel and the importance of Aliyah.

Peter is a strong believer and a man of prayer. He and his wife Ann have three children and three grandchildren. Please pray for Peter as he serves OEUSA in this important position.

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