

ALIYAH—STEP BY STEP WAIT FOR THE LORD

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BY DICK LEGGATT, PRESIDENT, DEREK PRINCE MINISTRIES USA

I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path. Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws.

Psalm 119:104-106 NIV

What is the most realistic approach for how life should turn out for each of us? The answer involves a willingness to walk out and work out our lives in a diligent, practical way.

Over the years, I have seen people face disappointment and frustration in their spiritual growth. One of the main reasons is an unrealistic expectation for a one-time solution to all the challenges they face. Here is a helpful truth: most progress in life comes step by step—and that certainly applies to the process of *Aliyah*.

A Lamp to Our Feet

Two simple, yet profound passages from the Bible provide insight on this matter of step-by-step progress in life. The first is from Psalm 119, the longest chapter in the Bible. Verse 105 says, “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” (NIV) The inference here is that the light provided is for each step (“to my feet”) and for just a short distance ahead (“to my path”)—not much more.

The other practical verse is Isaiah 30:21, which gives us a wonderful promise of step-by-step guidance from the Lord: “Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, ‘This is the way,

walk in it,’ whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left.” The clear promise is that our step-by-step journey will be directed and communicated to us by the voice of the Lord—if we will only listen.

A Light to Our Path

The great Bible teacher Derek Prince often testified to a lesson he learned early in life: “All progress is by faith.” Certainly, that can include faith for big, life-changing interventions. But it also encompasses the nitty gritty faith of moving toward our destinies diligently—step by step—in the daily tasks before us.

In many of his teachings, Derek talked about the truth he had seen from Psalm 119, highlighting this step-by-step theme in the following quote:

In Psalm 119, verse 105, the psalmist says this to the Lord: “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” (NIV)

What do we walk with? We walk with feet. What do we walk on? We walk on a path.

God’s Word provides light—both for our feet and our path. It does not always illuminate the distant scene. But if we walk in obedience to the Word of God, as it applies to our lives in any situation, we will never be in complete darkness. We will always have enough light to see the next step that we need to take.

That is all that faith demands.

Keeping It Simple

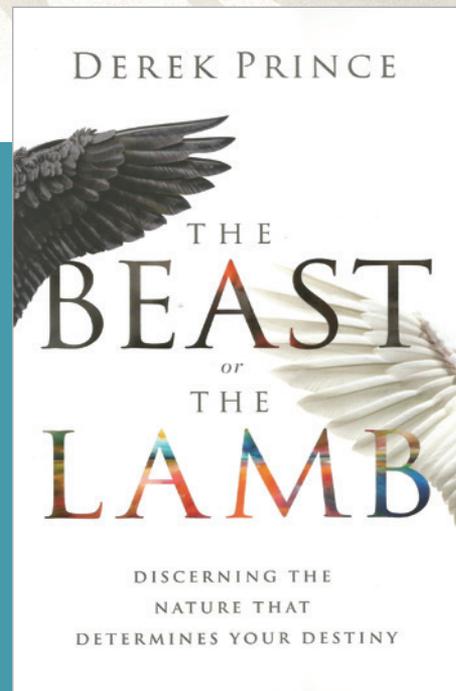
Let's not overthink this very basic principle of life. Let's keep it simple and respond in a diligent way to the promises we have discussed. Especially for all who will engage in the process of *Aliyah*, let's add one more promise—Isaiah 51:11: “*So the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing, with everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness; sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*” NKJV

As we conclude this article, let's join together in a proclamation and a prayer for ourselves—and especially for all who will embark on the step-by-step process of *Aliyah* throughout this year.

Dear Lord, we ask for Your help and strength for all who will be engaged in Aliyah this year. Let them not be discouraged or dissuaded by the challenges involved in that process. Rather, let them see and follow the path You have illuminated before them. Let them hear Your voice as You guide them step by step.

Fill their lives with singing and everlasting joy. May all sorrow, sighing, and discouragement flee away as they follow You each step of the way in their return to the Promised Land. Amen.

We strongly recommend that you purchase this newly released book by Derek Prince Ministries. This is a must-read for every Christian on a quest for a stronger relationship with the LORD! To purchase, please visit the link below:
<https://store-us.derekprince.com/category/products/new-releases/the-beast-or-the-lamb>



In this eye-opening book, trusted Bible scholar Derek Prince reveals what the Scriptures really say about Satan, the AntiChrist and the mark of the Beast—and why Jesus Christ as the Lamb is so important. Derek also gives you the tools you need to

- Defend against confusion and fear
- Guard your heart with purity and assurance
- Hold fast in the midst of great opposition

Today and in the days ahead, a destiny-determining choice lies before you: Will you give in to the nature and deception of the Beast? Or will you stand firm in the nature of the Lamb, preparing yourself for the day He returns?

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WAITING FOR HIS LEADING

BY JOHN PROSSER, PRESIDENT, OPERATION EXODUS USA

Wait for and confidently expect the LORD; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for and confidently expect the LORD.
Psalm 27:14 AMP

Waiting for the LORD’s leading takes courage, and it can be challenging—owing to the instability and uncertainties of our times. However, we cannot circumnavigate our way forward without making a personal decision—a commitment to wait for God’s leading and direction. It requires trust, obedience, and submission to God’s will for the way forward. Our hearts must be strong, having courage, confidence and great expectation of His faithfulness to restore His ancient people to their homeland—Israel.

Our nation is facing perilous challenges on many fronts. Anti-Semitism is a grave danger to American Jewry in the USA. This is a dangerous movement gaining momentum and acceptance on various influential platforms in America and the nations. Many American Jewish voices are sounding the alarm in warning and recognition of where this is going.

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In November 2022, the New York City Police Department (NYPD) reported that anti-Semitic crimes were rampant throughout the City, having increased 125 percent compared to the same month in 2021. Courageous *Olim* (Jewish immigrants) we assist are reporting anti-Semitism as a major factor in their decision to go forward with their *Aliyah* (immigration to Israel) now, rather than later.

We at Operation Exodus USA (OEUSA) are closely watching and preparing for the many triggers of a mass *Aliyah*. It is just a matter of time—God’s timing. In the last few months, we have had the privilege of meeting with the leaders of several Jewish organizations. The focus of the meetings was to discuss new ways of providing assistance for *Aliyah* from the USA. When possible, we are also engaged in helping with *mitzvah* projects (good deeds) in the US and Israel. We are planning to expand these projects this year.

We are expecting a breakthrough this year that the LORD will open doors to churches previously closed to the revelation of *Aliyah*. We continue to work with our colleagues in Ebenezer Operation Exodus by providing financial support to bless Jewish people—especially those making *Aliyah* in times of distress. I am looking forward to meeting many of you in the coming months. We stand strong today because of your faithful prayers and financial support. Thank you!

Take courage! The LORD has given us two unbreakable and unchangeable truths: His Word and His Oath. He has sworn by Himself that He will keep all His promises to gather His chosen people home.



UKRAINE—NO SIGN THE WAR IS ENDING

BY JOHANNES BARTHEL, GERMANY REGIONAL COORDINATOR, EBENEZER OPERATION EXODUS

God is fair. He won't forget what you've done or the love you've shown for him. You helped his holy people, and you continue to help them.

Hebrews 6:10 GW

The Russian attack against Ukraine is causing the largest refugee crisis in Europe since World War II. Amongst the ten million refugees are many Jews who have the right to immigrate to Israel.

Thousands could already go to Israel, and Operation Exodus helped around one third of Ukrainian *Olim* in the last ten months. But tens of thousands are still waiting for various reasons, very often because men between the age of 18–60 are not allowed to leave the country.

We had a team from Germany at the Polish/Ukrainian border within less than 24 hours after the war started. Miraculously, God provided a hotel which we were able to rent until October of last year. More than one hundred volunteers served at this base and helped many Jews to find a place with warm food, clothing, and whatever else was needed—from diapers for babies to kosher food for the Orthodox, but most of all, loving arms that showed God's love and a sign of hope for the future.

After we saw mainly young women with little children, elderly people and Holocaust survivors came to us. Many of our guests have experienced for the first time Christians who care for them. God turned the horrors of war into an opportunity for love and reconciliation! All of this happened just a few hours distance from Auschwitz.

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For the next several months we will rent a house with a large storage place as we continue to bring *Olim* out of Ukraine. Various vans are stationed in Ukraine, Poland, and Hungary to help with transportation. Our team in Ukraine brings the Jewish people to the border, where we continue to help them until they fly to Israel. In addition to helping Jews in their *Aliyah*, we bring food parcels to those who can't leave immediately; especially in winter this help is very much needed.

Our operational teams want to thank the international Operation Exodus family for the continued prayer and support which enable us to help thousands of *Olim*. There is no sign that the war will end soon, so many will still need our support in winter and beyond.

Operation Exodus USA is affiliated with Ebenezer Operation Exodus, a ministry supported by Christians in over fifty-two countries around the world. We have been assisting Jewish people to return to Israel from the former Soviet Union and elsewhere since 1991. To learn more, visit: <https://ebenezer-oe.org/>.



WAITING FOR DOORS TO OPEN INCREASES OUR STRENGTH

BY SHIRLEY LAWRENSON, ALIYAH DIRECTOR

Wait for and expect the LORD and keep His way, And He will exalt you to inherit the land; . . .
Psalm 37:34 AMP

One of the steps in assisting *Olim* is to encourage them to be patient as they wait for their *Aliyah* to be complete. Being a friend and a source of strength to them during these times is very important. Waiting and expecting take courage and patience. Comforting and bringing encouragement to the *Olim* in their waiting times bring them to a place of calm and patience. When the waiting time is over, and they finally get to move forward with their *Aliyah*, they are filled with *joy* and *expectation*.

AFTER WALKING WITH THE OLIM THROUGH THE PROCESS OF WAITING AND EXPECTING, WE WITNESS HOW THE LORD OPENS THE DOORS AND COMPLETES THE PROCESS OF THEIR ALIYAH.

When going through a waiting period, we understand clearly that God is in control. The *Olim* often comment to us that they appreciate our support and encouragement during the waiting process. They often mention that they know that God is in control. We are instruments in the hand of God to be available to assist all those who come to us for assistance.

Many times, we are also learning to understand the amazing lessons that waiting and expectation bring. After walking with the *Olim* through the process of waiting and expecting,

we witness how the Lord opens the doors and completes the process of their *Aliyah*. We get to share in their joy that they are on their way to Eretz Israel.

When the time of waiting is over, it is time to soar! We encourage the *Olim* as they start to soar to hold on and never give up. *Aliyah* is just step one. Absorption is step two. We encourage them to continue to be patient and courageous as they settle in Eretz Israel.

One of the families, Vania and Shai, whom we recently assisted, shared the following words with us:

We started with separate dreams and grew together. Now we are sharing the dream of having our children know their roots, their identity, and their family in Israel. Knowing that life has struggles and challenges, but with the love and support of family, we are and always will be, okay.

We are all instruments in His Hands—to bring and carry His sons and daughters home.

Thank you!
Toda Raba!

THANK YOU!
grateful

To all of our friends at Operation Exodus, we thank you for your love and support throughout our *Aliyah* process. We are so grateful to know that our family is being lifted up in prayer each day. We are encouraged to be a part of God's plan and know that we are being guided to Israel to fulfill our greater purpose. With your help and generous donation, we are able to move and live with family, have our children feel love and support that they have never experienced, and feel the great power of the holy Land. From all our family, thank you for helping us be together, raise our children with family, and fulfill God's purpose. We appreciate your love and light and send ours to you as well.

Many blessings, with all His love,
Shai, Vania, Leeoz & Kohav & Mama Boo



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COURAGE TO WAIT

BY QUAY MESSNER, NATIONAL PRAYER COORDINATOR

Wait patiently for the LORD. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the LORD.
Psalm 27:14 NLT

Be still in the presence of the LORD and wait patiently for Him to act.
Psalm 37:7 NLT

We usually associate courage with action. Examples include the courage of David in confronting Goliath, and of Gideon and his tiny “army” against a vast array of naturally superior warriors. Indeed, godly courage is necessary to carry out such actions. However, courage is also essential when the command is to wait. Saul did not have courage to wait for Samuel; consequently, he lost the kingdom (1 Samuel 13:7-13).

The Hebrew word translated “wait” in Psalms 27 and 37 is “qavah”, which is a root word meaning “to bind together by twisting”. “To expect” and “to gather together” are given as further clarity on the word. This goes much deeper than our modern definition of “wait”, which in our culture is akin to a curse word.

In Numbers 15:37 (NLT), the LORD gave instructions that seem strange to 21st-century Christians. “*Make tassels ... attach them with a blue cord ... when you see the tassels you will ... remember and obey the LORD ... instead of ... your own desires.*” The tassels were made by binding and twisting strong threads together. The wearer could not only see them but hold onto them. This is an object lesson in the true meaning of “wait”. In the waiting, we are to be bound up and entwined with the LORD through the Holy Spirit (the blue cord).

“Patiently” in both Psalms is “chuw!” in Hebrew. It means to twist or whirl in a circle or spiral, primarily picturing a dance, but it goes on to include a plethora of emotions. Both psalms employ “chazak” for courage, meaning to fasten or seize upon.

THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT WAITING INVOLVES BEING INTIMATELY ENTANGLED WITH THE LORD, THAT PATIENCE DEVELOPS AS WE WORSHIP, ULTIMATELY LEADING TO MATURE COURAGE—SEIZING UPON, AND BEING SEIZED BY, GOD FOR HIS PURPOSES.

May we reconsider our understanding of “waiting on the LORD” and its foundational place in developing courage? The Bible teaches that waiting involves being intimately entangled with the LORD, that patience develops as we worship (represented by twirling dance), ultimately leading to mature courage—seizing upon, and being seized by, God for His purposes.

Joshua learned the art of waiting when he remained alone with God in the Tent of Meeting (Exodus 33:11). He learned to live in a state of being entwined with the LORD. He was able to “*be strong and very courageous.*”

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WAITING FOR THE LORD STRENGTHENS OUR FAITH

BY ADRIANNE PROSSER, OUTREACH DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

*We wait [expectantly] for the LORD; . . .
For in Him our heart rejoices, Because we
trust [lean on, rely on, and are confident]
in His holy name. Let Your [steadfast]
lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, In
proportion as we have hoped in You.*

Psalm 33:20-22 AMP

Waiting for the LORD is an act of hope and trust. It takes practice and resolve to make it a priority in our busy schedules. Waiting is never a delay or an interruption when we are serving the LORD in ministry. It takes courage to come to a complete standstill—to lean on the LORD, to listen to His voice, trusting that He will guide each step that we take. To the degree that we trust and rely on the LORD, we have the hope and expectation that He will equip, prepare, and mobilize us—to succeed in the assignment He has given to each one of us.

We have learned not to give in to discouragement by the seeming lack of interest of American Jewry in making *Aliyah*. Over the years, Operation Exodus USA (OEUSA) has had the privilege of assisting thousands of courageous *Olim*—with the painful understanding that they are only a small fraction of the millions still living in the USA. The LORD is perfecting our prayers as we wait, trust, and rely on Him for His plans and purposes to unfold for the restoration of Israel and the redemption of all peoples.

We are grateful to the LORD for your heart to serve in our ministry. Some of you are passionate

and courageous intercessors, volunteers and faithful contributors of your finances. May the LORD reward you in your sacrificial service to His holy work of *Aliyah*.

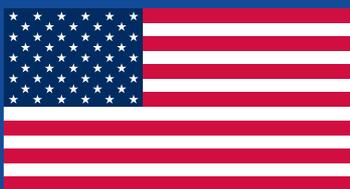
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The reality is that we need many more servants just like you! We must raise the banner of *Aliyah* throughout this vast nation. Please pray for the Church—for many volunteers with strong, courageous, and passionate hearts to join us and be a voice for the *Aliyah* of God's people.

Together, let us practice waiting on the LORD, to lean and rely on Him. Let us unite our hearts in fervent prayer for the *Aliyah* of God's people. Let us continue to prepare ourselves to be ready in season and out of season.

Be a voice for *Aliyah*! If you would like to join our team of volunteers, please contact us by calling our National Office or by visiting our website:

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