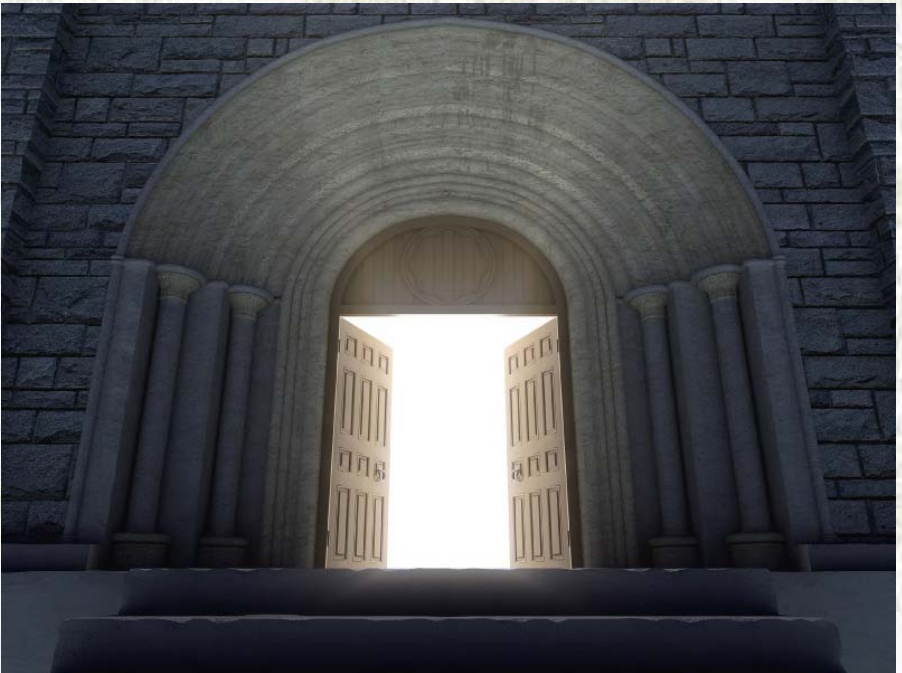


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AND KNOCK”

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There is One Almighty Creator God of the Universe, Who has revealed Himself to us in the manifestations of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Yeshua the Messiah (Jesus Christ) came in fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of the Scriptures and is fully God. It is mandatory for us to believe in a Divine Redeemer to be saved. Salvation is a free gift of God to all who receive Messiah Yeshua into their lives and confess of their sins. Those who reject Messiah will be consigned to eternal punishment.

The Holy Scriptures, Genesis-Revelation, are the inspired, infallible Word of God as revealed in the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek texts.

There is only one assembly of chosen ones/elect, the people of Israel, of which all Believers in Messiah are a part. God does not have two groups of elect: Israel and "the Church."

The Torah (Genesis-Deuteronomy) is the foundation of all Scripture, was followed by our Messiah Yeshua, and is to still be followed and studied by Believers today.

Yeshua the Messiah is coming to gather the saints after the Tribulation period.

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# OIM Update

## May 2007

by Mark Huey

The period of time between observing Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread to the celebration of the Feast of Weeks or *Shavuot* has increasingly become one of my most significant seasons for drawing closer to our Maker. Prompted and guided by the Biblical admonition to count the Omer (Leviticus 23:15-16) has added a new dimension in my own dedication in pursuing the Holy One of Israel. While we may not necessarily understand all the things that our Father is doing in our lives during this season of reflection, we should be confident that our heartfelt desire to obey this command is indeed a blessing to Him.

Our God is an awesome God whose ways and thoughts are far beyond ours. We can all take great comfort in the words of the Prophet Isaiah when he makes this declaration about Him:

**“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD. ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it’”** (Isaiah 55:8-11).

In these classic words by Isaiah, the great gulf between man’s limited thoughts and ways is contrasted with God’s thoughts and ways beyond human comprehension. But did you notice that when Isaiah declared this revelation from the Lord, he said that the word that comes forth from God’s mouth will not return to Him empty without accomplishing exactly what He desires?

With great expectation that our obedience to the Word of God will have its perfect results, I have been encouraging my fellow Believers to take the command to count the Omer seriously. In

past years, I have suggested that some Psalm meditations be considered for reflection. This year through our ministry e-mail updates, I have once again been taking a look at the *Pirkei Avot* (Sayings of the Fathers). I have been reflecting upon many of the parallels that exist between these words of wisdom and what we see in both the Tanakh and Apostolic Scriptures.

My prayer is that each one of us will take the command to count the Omer personally in some manner of daily reflections or meditations. While we might not necessarily know the specific things the Lord is accomplishing in our lives through our obedience, we can most assuredly be confident that through the ages those who have taken this command to heart have been blessed. At a minimum, the counting will be a reminder that in just a matter of a few short weeks, the Feast of Weeks will be celebrated as we can all remember the giving of the Torah and the giving of the Holy Spirit that coincided on this day. Perhaps in our hearts, the prompting of the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit) will allow each of us to bring offerings and make declarations that are pleasing to our Father—just as the Scriptures indicate:

“You shall count fifty days to the day after the seventh sabbath; then you shall present a new grain offering to the LORD. You shall bring in from your dwelling places two *loaves* of bread for a wave offering, made of two-tenths *of an ephah*; they shall be of a fine flour, baked with leaven as first fruits to the LORD. Along with the bread you shall present seven one year old male lambs without defect, and a bull of the herd and two rams; they are to be a burnt offering to the LORD, with their grain offering and their drink offerings, an offering by fire of a soothing aroma to the LORD. You shall also offer one male goat for a sin offering and two male lambs one year old for a sacrifice of peace offerings. The priest shall then wave them with the bread of the first fruits for a wave offering with two lambs before the LORD; they are to be holy to the LORD for the priest. **On this same day you shall make a proclamation as well;** you are to have a holy convocation. You shall do no laborious work. It is to be a perpetual statute in all your dwelling places throughout your generations. When you reap the harvest of your land, moreover, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field nor gather the gleaning of your harvest; you are to leave them

for the needy and the alien. I am the LORD your God" (Leviticus 23:16-22).

May the Holy One be praised and worshipped as we each seek to minister to Him through our obedience to His Word! May we always remember that His Word planted in our hearts will never return to Him without accomplishing its perfect work!

This past month of April has been an incredible period of time that will never be forgotten by our household. The featured article of this issue of OIM News is dedicated to the memory of our friend, Robert Michael Krech (1970-2007). As a result of Rob's tragic loss, our daughter Maggie McKee Huey has finally come to the point of personal salvation. Less than a year ago at our Shavuot 2006 celebration here in Orlando, Maggie completed her study and enjoyed a wonderful *bat mitzvah* ceremony, recognizing herself as a daughter of the commandments.

We were all very pleased with her new walk, but also aware that prior to just a few weeks ago she had not yet become a born again Believer in the Messiah Yeshua. Of course, she knew all about Yeshua and who He is and what He has done for us all—but she had never come to the point of recognizing her sinful nature and her need for a full repentance. Knowing right from wrong or good from evil does not constitute what is required to be born from above. With great pleasure to Margaret and me, we wanted to share the following article that is Maggie's testimony of her salvation experience. It is our prayer that this fuller understanding of what is required to become a daughter of God will be helpful and useful to others who are either struggling with their own personal assurance of salvation—or are concerned about their children or other loved ones.

Finally, thanks again for your contributions to the Jeep Replacement Fund. We are still needing more funds, but are almost to our goal and hope to be able to purchase another vehicle this Summer.

In all things, may the Lord Yeshua be glorified, until the restoration of all things...

William Mark Huey

## “I Stand at the Door and Knock

*by Mark Huey*

In the past few weeks, our local congregation has been rocked by the sudden, accidental death of one of our congregants, Robert Michael Krech. Rob’s tragic death came way too early from our perspective, when at thirty-six years of age he fell through a false ceiling at his workplace some twenty feet to a concrete floor where the impact killed him. While we all will miss his special presence in the days and years to come, we are all blessed with the realization that we will one day see Rob again—for he was truly born from above after a miraculous healing from a terminal illness some two-and-a-half years ago. As a result of his post-recovery testimony of salvation, we all have great confidence that he is now in the presence of our Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8).

We at Outreach Israel Ministries would like to dedicate this newsletter to Rob’s memory because our Heavenly Father has used Rob’s unexpected promotion in a special way to bear some spiritual fruit in our immediate family. We have all been forced to understand the profound meaning of what Yeshua says in the following verses and how through Rob’s testimony and death, he became a life bearing grain of wheat to be honored by the Most High:

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; **but if it dies, it bears much fruit.** He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. **If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him**” (John 12:24-26).

What I am referring to is the spiritual birth of our fifteen year old daughter, Margaret Macon McKee Huey. I would like to explain how Rob’s death was instrumental in Maggie’s salvation,

and share with you how her hour of repentance has brought her into company with the saints who have preceded her in the faith.

Please understand that it is difficult for some to believe that Maggie was born from above this past *Shabbat* (21 April, 2007). After all, sweet Maggie has grown up in a believing home where many conversations revolve around the Lord and other spiritual matters. Of course, Maggie has known all about Yeshua since she was a toddler. She has learned down through the years how to worship and praise Him in dance and song. She has known in her mind that He is the Son of God and that His blood sacrifice is the required atonement for our sin. For the first fourteen years of her life, she was innocently under the spiritual covering of her father and mother. We were never that concerned about her ultimate destiny until she came of age and committed herself to being a daughter of the commandments last June via her *bat mitzvah*.

Last June during our *Shavuot* celebration, Maggie was able to deliver a public teaching and publicly proclaim her allegiance to God during her *bat mitzvah* ceremony. You can imagine how delighted Margaret and I were with the progress she was making as a young lady. Her profession of her responsibility to follow God's commandments and be accountable before Him blessed us beyond words to express it.

However, we were still aware that Maggie had not been born again. So with the eye of an adoring mother eagle, Margaret continued to pray and watch for signs of a heart that was being drawn to confession and repentance of her innate sinful heart inherited from Adam. For nine months, the seeds of faith were dormant in Maggie's heart until the past month when she turned fifteen years of age just before this year's Passover memorial. About that time, a series of circumstances started to come together that ultimately culminated in the new birth of one who now knows Yeshua and His love intimately. Hallelujah! This all began with a unique series of circumstances.

First, toward the end of March, the now infamous Jeep—that Maggie's natural father had purchased several years before his early death, due to melanoma at the age of forty one—expired

itself of natural causes. On the day the Jeep was donated to another ministry, Margaret, John, and Maggie went to give it a solemn sendoff. As the tow truck pulled away, all three remarked that the “spirit” of the Jeep was simply gone and all that was leaving was a “carcass” of a Jeep. This naturally led the three to discuss Maggie’s deceased father and how much that vehicle meant to him—and of course to John—for the past fifteen years.

As the Lord would have it, I had to take several trips to visit my parents in Colorado on the first full weekend of April, and then on to Dallas for some ministry related business on the second full weekend. During those times of travel, Margaret took the opportunity to get out some old videos of Kim McKee (Maggie, John, and Jane’s father) so that Maggie, whose interest was piqued about her father, could get a better understanding of who he was as a Christian man. So in my absence, the three of them spent time reviewing some home videos that brought forth considerable memories and quite a few tears.

It was during this time that Maggie’s heart was being prepared by the Holy Spirit to really want to get to the point where she would be assured that she would see her Daddy Kim again. Then, the fateful week of April 15 began with a remembrance of the Holocaust or *Yom HaShoah* at our local congregation and in other memorials around the world. This was followed by the tragic massacre at Virginia Tech, and then the subsequent memorials of the Oklahoma City Bombing in 1995 and the shooting at Columbine High School in 1999. To top it all off, on Friday morning Rob Krech was found having fallen through a false ceiling at the bicycle shop he managed. We did not hear about this freak accident until Friday afternoon. Rob, who was a wonderful young man, had known Maggie and our family very well.

At that point, Margaret knew that this dramatic death—and Maggie’s heartfelt reaction to it—was somehow going to initiate the birthing process as she had been witnessing the spiritual labor in Maggie for almost three weeks. That Friday afternoon Margaret induced the labor by getting with Maggie to read some selected Scriptures that the Lord had put on Margaret’s heart for her as they prayed for the family that had lost their son. At this

point, the waters of salvation broke in Maggie's spirit. If you can imagine, the Friday night *Erev Shabbat* service was very sobering for all in attendance. Maggie cried most of the service. Friday night and through Saturday morning, according to Maggie, she was just not able to get a spiritual breakthrough as she contemplated the loss of Rob.

By the time we went to the afternoon *Shabbat* service on Saturday, Margaret knew that it was time for a spiritual delivery. So with the deliberateness of a midwife, Margaret asked Maggie if she needed some help. Maggie tearfully, yet joyfully agreed, so Margaret signaled me to bring over some anointing oil as we all bowed our knees, making our chairs an altar, and began to pray. Just prior to this as I was opening the service in the pastor's absence, I was led to read Hebrews 4 about a Believer entering into the ultimate rest provided by God that our beloved, departed brother is now experiencing. It seems that these words set the stage for what was to transpire in Maggie's life in the next hour of repentance:

**“Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it. For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.** For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said, ‘AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH, THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST,’ although His works were finished from the foundation of the world. For He has said somewhere concerning the seventh *day*: ‘AND GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS’; and again in this *passage*, ‘THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.’ Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience, He again fixes a certain day, ‘Today,’ saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before, ‘TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS.’ For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that. **So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from**

**his works**, as God did from His. **Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience.** For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Yeshua the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin. **Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need”** (Hebrews 4:1-16).

This was definitely a time of need and Maggie was getting ready to find grace—but first, Margaret knew that confession and repentance are absolute requirements in order for one to be born from above. With a calm demeanor and approach, Margaret was able to take Maggie through each of the Ten Commandments so that Maggie could confess with her heart and lips that **she was in violation of each and every one of them.** Of course, Maggie had never physically broken many of these commandments, but just like everyone else who has inherited the nature of Adam according to Yeshua, we have all broken these commandments in our hearts and thought life.

With heartfelt confession, flooding eyes, a runny nose, and the fragrance of the anointing oil, Maggie poured out her heart before God, Margaret, and me. It was precious to witness a person who has lived a relatively pure life cry out to God for mercy. Certainly the words of this psalm came to mind often as the tears sprinkled on the seat:

**“The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will also hear their cry and will save them”** (Psalm 145:18-19).

After this time of confession and repentance, Margaret read

some special verses to Maggie that led to confirming the delivery. After all, Yeshua is always knocking on the doors of our hearts. At some point in time through confession and repentance, we each need to ask Him into our hearts by opening our heart and letting Him in through the person of the Holy Spirit:

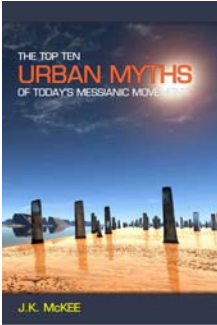
**“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.** He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne” (Revelation 3:20-21).

Maggie did this as she became an overcomer by faith in the shed blood of the Messiah for her sin. Our little pearl—which is what the name “Margaret” means—of great value (Matthew 13:46) was offered up as a jewel in the crown of our Messiah. Of course we prayed for her some more, anointing her with more oil and praying that the gift of the Spirit would be sealed in her heart. We asked the Lord for many things for Maggie and prayed that her testimony would be a blessing to many. Before the afternoon was over, this new daughter of God, blessed to be born again on *Shabbat*, was beaming with her new found life in Messiah Yeshua. Our new creation with a fuller understanding of the hope that is now firmly placed within her is looking forward to the day with full assurance that she will again see her natural father, Kim McKee—and all who have preceded her—especially now including Rob Krech.

Needless to say, in this case for sure, an hour of repentance is more wonderful than words can share. Do you have an assurance that you will once again see those that have preceded you in the walk of faith? If you have not confessed, repented, and been born again—**then do not delay!** Life is fragile and we do not know the hour of our departure. But we can determine the hour of our repentance. Do it now for night comes when this good work of salvation will not be available.

**He is knocking, but you must open the door!**

## NEW BOOKLET AVAILABLE!



### THE TOP TEN URBAN MYTHS OF TODAY'S MESSIANIC MOVEMENT

Over the past ten years (1997-2007), the Messianic movement has been able to grow in leaps and bounds. New people are coming to a revelation of their Hebraic Roots and congregations are budding. But the theology of the Messianic community and our Biblical studies have largely not been able to keep up with the growth. As a result, this has led to a significant number of concepts and ideas floating around that are not only non-scriptural, but also non-factual.

What are some things that have been permitted to circulate in the Messianic movement that classify as being non-factual, *and at best* someone's opinion? What are some of the areas where we need to progress in order to become a mature and stable move of God? What are some of the challenges before us?

In a detailed yet pragmatic way, TNN Online editor J.K. McKee tackles the challenges of the "top ten" urban myths floating in our midst. He encourages a positive change on behalf of Messianic Believers so that we can all be empowered by the Lord to make a significant difference on our local communities and the world at large.

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