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OIM UPDATE

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This past month I have been processing a number of thoughts about the transformational changes which are taking place in the country where I reside, the United States. After all, the paradigm shift that took place in the spiritual realm with the Supreme Court decision on marriage, falling on the heels of the senseless murders in Charleston, South Carolina, and then followed by the revelations about infant body parts being harvested for sale—are all indications that our Judeo-Christian culture is, at best, on life support. The litmus tests on where one stands on basic principles, like pro-life or pro-choice, or what constitutes a Biblically ordained marriage, could seal the fate of many, who flippantly claim to be followers of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob or “Christians.” More than once, I contemplated the warning by the Apostle Paul to the Thessalonians, about the “deluding influence” that God will send to test those who need to discern between God’s truth and Satan’s lies:

“Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; *that is*, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness” (2 Thessalonians 2:8-12).

The thought that God Himself would send a deluding influence haunted me, especially when I prayed for loved ones, who despite their proclamations about belief in the Messiah, are seemingly succumbing to the wiles of the Devil. My prayers turned to asking the Holy One to reveal the distinctions between what is cloaked in the darkness of freedom of choice to “love” another person regardless of gender, or dispose of fetal tissue because of the inconvenience of taking responsibility for another human being. Hence, I was reminded of another verse from Paul, where he states to the Corinthians,

“Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men’s hearts*; and then each man’s praise will come to him from God” (1 Corinthians 4:5).

With that being said, in my zeal to discover reasons for why our society is failing, I was led beyond the Bible to read a few books which helped refine my understanding. One book addressed the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, where the “due process” and “equal protection under the law” clauses in Section One are cited by the majority opinions of the Supreme Court as justification for abortion and same-sex marriage. Secondly, I read a biography on William Wilberforce, who in his era and with many godly supporters, was used by the Lord to help turn Great Britain back toward righteousness. Consequently, I was inspired to write this month’s lead article entitled, “**Revolution Revelation**,” in order to encourage God-fearing people in their respective communities, to come together to fight the flood of evil that is overwhelming our world.

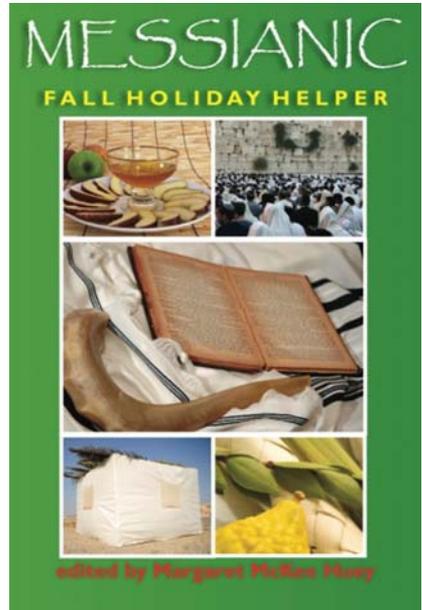
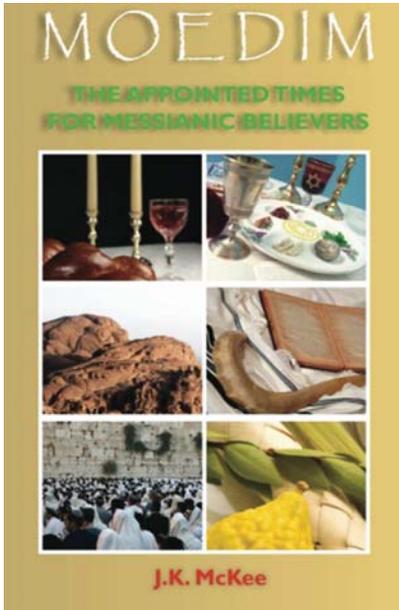
We know that the saints of God are at war with unseen forces of evil: “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heav-

enly *places*" (Ephesians 6:12). And we also know that as we approach the End of the Age, the Beast System according to the Book of Revelation will be more overtly at war with the people of God. Hence, we continue to seek your prayers and financial support for the **Theological Defense Trust**, so that our written materials can continue to help others more accurately discern the truth about what the Lord is doing at this point in time. Additionally, we continue to be inundated by requests for the Outreach Israel **Prison Ministry Free Book Fund**, and appreciate your willingness to partner with us to get these materials into the hands and hearts of hungry souls, who just happen to have considerable time to grow in their walk with the Messiah of Israel.

Thank you again for your contributions to these efforts, because from the feedback we are receiving from a number of sources, there is much good fruit being produced!

"The LORD bless you, and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace" (Numbers 6:24-26).

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REVOLUTION REVELATION

by Mark Huey

“As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years, or if due to strength, eighty years, yet their pride is but labor and sorrow; for soon it is gone and we fly away. Who understands the power of Your anger and Your fury, according to the fear that is due You? So teach us to number our days that we may present to You a heart of wisdom” (Psalm 90:10-12).

What a blessing it is to have the privilege of ministering to my aging father (91) and mother (88) during their senior season of life! But with any genetic predisposition of longevity a distinct possibility, *if* the Lord carries and does not take me home early, comes the reality that our physical strength and mental acuity are both subject to the ravages of time. At 64 years of age, the sobering probability that I might have fifteen to twenty or so years to be a productive worker for the Kingdom of God, calculates to only about 5,475 to 7,300 days to serve Him! For a multitude of reasons, given the relative brevity of time and knowledge that life is but a vapor (James 4:14), this reality led me to remember one of my favorite Biblical heroes, who at the ripe old age of 85 had the strength that he had forty-five years earlier, when the Exodus sojourn from Egypt commenced:

“I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land, and I brought word back to him as *it was* in my heart. Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt with fear; but I followed the LORD my God fully. So Moses swore on that day, saying, ‘Surely the land on which your foot has trodden will be an inheritance to you and to your children forever, because you have followed the LORD my God fully.’ Now behold, the LORD has let me live, just as He spoke, these forty-five years, from the time that the LORD spoke this word to Moses, when Israel walked in the wilderness; and now behold, I am eighty-five years old today. I am still as strong today as I was in the day Moses sent me; as my strength was then, so my strength is now, for war and for going out and coming in. Now then, give me this hill country about which the LORD spoke on that day, for you heard on that day that Anakim *were* there, with great fortified cities; perhaps the LORD will be with me, and I will drive them out as the LORD has spoken.’ So Joshua blessed him and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. Therefore, Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite until this day, because he followed the LORD God of Israel fully. Now the name of Hebron was formerly Kiriath-arba; for Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim. Then the land had rest from war” (Joshua 14:7-15).

Caleb was given the territory where the caves of Machpelah were located, where the Patriarchs and Matriarchs of Israel were buried (Genesis 49:30-31). What a blessing! Caleb has been an inspirational model for me to maintain my strength until I am 85. Hence, over the next 21 years or approximately 7,665 days, I want to serve the Holy One so that I might present to Him a heart of wisdom, and in so doing, hopefully encourage others to do the same for the remaining days of their lives!

However, in light of eternity, twenty or so years—especially for those who have been alive for a few score years—goes by far too quickly. When I look back a mere twenty-two years to 1993, the year before I was married to Margaret, I recall that I had just emerged from a personal, spiritual trial, which the Father used in a significant way to draw me closer to Him. In fact on February 12, 1992, I actually made a covenant with the Almighty, and literally signed an agreement to relinquish *all* my rights to Him, in what was essentially a vow to offer myself as a living sacrifice per Romans 12:1-2:

“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:1-2).

For the balance of 1992, I had to experience the Lord literally responding to my sacrificial offer—as He took everything away that I thought was necessary for an abundant life—and I learned how to cling to Him alone, for all that only He had to give to sustain my existence.

By January 1993, after this life-altering time of drawing close to the Lord, I conceived and began a business enterprise that I named "**Third Race Endeavors.**" I birthed this rather peculiar name for a company after reading a book which referenced some unique distinctions in the human race that were notable in the First Century. Remember that around the time of the ascension of Yeshua into Heaven, the Roman Empire was near its zenith in terms of influence and power, as the Greco-Roman culture dominated militarily and politically the greater Mediterranean basin and regions beyond. Naturally, because the Romans ruled with an iron fist and controlled the indigenous populations, they considered themselves superior, and to be the "**first race**" among mankind. However, unlike the polytheistic, and to a lesser extent, Caesar-worshipping Romans, the Jewish people were considered a "**second race**" which worshipped a singular Deity, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The Jews were extremely useful citizens, because scattered around the Empire, they were instrumental in keeping the commerce fluid, as trade flourished. Nevertheless, despite being looked down upon by the Romans, they co-existed in order to maintain relative order in what became known as *Pax Romana*, a period of nominal peace that many historians agree lasted from 27 B.C.E. to 180 C.E.

Of course, it was during this era in human history that the Messiah of Israel came to accomplish His atoning work of being sacrificed for the transgressions and sins of humanity. Fifty days after His resurrection from the dead in Jerusalem at the Feast of Weeks (*Shavuot* or Day of Pentecost), Torah obedient Jews and proselytes, who had journeyed from around the Mediterranean, were filled with the Holy Spirit and born from above (Acts 2). These individuals were fulfilling the commandment to be in Jerusalem to celebrate the appointed times (Exodus 23:14-17), and were ideal candidates to take the good news or gospel back to the areas from which they had come. But now after receiving a heart of flesh and enlightened by the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit, these 3,000 plus souls were equipped to share about Yeshua's sacrifice with others. In short order, they were commissioned to take the message of Israel's Messiah and His redemption to their respective communities, over the coming weeks, months, and years. But the expansion from Jerusalem to Judea to Samaria, and then to the remotest part of the Earth (Acts 1:8) took time. In a matter of years and even decades, the gospel was taken to the nations, as various missionaries (apostles, prophets, evangelists, etc.) were inspired to follow these commands. Eventually the audiences expanded from the Jewish communities and synagogues (to the Jew first, Romans 1:16), where it was reasonable to talk about the Hebrew Scriptures, because that is where the Torah and Tanakh were known and being discussed on the Sabbath or *Shabbat*. Providentially, there were also other God-seekers from the nations, and in many cases Romans and Greeks, already drawn into these assemblies, who were fervently seeking the Holy One of Israel.

It was from this mixed group of born again Jews, Romans, Greeks and others, who would eventually constitute what became known as the "**third race**" or *genus tertium* by the Roman and Jewish non-Believers. These Believers were not considered a part of the "**first race**," because they did not worship Caesar or the pagan gods of the Romans or Greeks. Nor were they known as part of the "**second race**," because unlike most of the Jews, they recognized and worshipped Yeshua as the Son of the Most High Creator God. Instead, they placed their faith upon Yeshua's accomplished sacrificial work at Golgotha (Calvary) as atonement for their sin, and lived with the expectation of His return to rule

and reign from Jerusalem. This “**third race**” was not willing to worship Caesar or the other gods, and as a result, the persecutions of the first few centuries of those who followed “**the Way**” were intense (Acts 22:4). The testimonies of these believing people being crucified, burned at the stake, fed to the lions, beheaded, tortured, mutilated, and all sorts of other persecutions, has been recorded. But these followers of Yeshua were different than those from the “**first race**” and “**second race**” when persecuted for their faith. Rather than reviling their persecutors, they praised the Holy One of Israel and His Son Yeshua during excruciating physical trials. Many of them sung praises and worshipped the Maker while being burned or crucified or fed to the lions. As a result, the Romans and non-believing Jews considered them a “**third race**” among mankind, as the gospel went forth in power and literally turned the world upside down with their proclamations (Acts 17:6).

Hence, when I was provoked to name the company that was conceived to bring glory to the Holy One of Israel, the moniker **Third Race Endeavors** seemed appropriate. While not knowing all that was going to be done through this business in the future, I simply knew back in 1993 that I wanted everything to be done to glorify Him, as I was inspired by Philipians 3:8-11:

“More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Messiah Yeshua my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Messiah, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Messiah, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead” (Philipians 3:8-11).

Some twenty or so years after my personal refinement and revelation in the early 1990s, in recent days I had another inspirational moment. It was not necessarily an epiphany, but instead a sobering reality check, when the United States Supreme Court on June 26, 2015 decided to redefine the Biblical term of marriage, and I witnessed some of the subsequent cultural reaction. Over the ensuing days, as I fasted and prayed about the ramifications of the decision, my heart was imbued with a “**revolutionary**” spirit that has welled up, and even to this writing, has not receded one iota. Naturally, there was some emotion attached to it, as I sought the Lord for what He was trying to accomplish by allowing this decision to come forth (see last month’s OIM News article entitled “**Righteous Divide**”).

Beyond the prayers and looking to the Scriptures for answers, I was reading a book about the Reconstruction Era following the U.S. Civil War, and in particular, the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. I found out how a godless interpretation of the “due process” and “equal protection under the law” clauses, had become the legal justification for the Supreme Court decision of late, as well as the *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973, that opened the floodgates for the murder of innocent life in the mother’s womb. Clearly the sowing of wickedness through human bondage, what some refer to as the “original sin” of America, resulted in the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which in the revisionist minds of those involved in the post-war era process in 1868, rectified their perceived wrongs of the seminal document. Consequently, the majority opinion of the Supreme Court justices in 1973 has reaped the destruction of over 55 million unborn children, and only God knows what the recent decision will do to further provoke God’s absolute judgment upon the iniquity unleashed.

Contemporaneously, while researching the Fourteenth Amendment, I was reading a biography about William Wilberforce, the Englishman noted for championing the cause to abolish slavery in the British Empire. In my studies, I found out about how a group of born again followers of the Messiah had been instrumental in a collaborative effort to push

for social and cultural changes that were desperately needed in Britain in the late Eighteenth and early Nineteenth Centuries. This introduced me to what was labeled the **Clapham Sect**, named for a suburban community outside London, where these devout people resided. The fascinating thing I discovered was how the Holy One of Israel used these Christian people, both men and women from all walks of life (clergy, parliamentarians, writers, artists, philanthropists, etc.) to affect transformative change in Britain that lasted for a few generations. The result was not only the relative piety of the Victorian Era, but also the planting and nourishing of the seeds among the Jews in London and beyond, for what eventually germinated in the founding of the State of Israel in 1948.

One morning this past month, as I contemplated all of this new information, I was led to write the following “Call to Arms,” which will hopefully inspire some “collaborative” efforts by followers of the Messiah to fight the flood of evil that is overwhelming our world in our generation. I have quoted some attributes of the **Clapham Sect** from a Christianity.com article referenced below. But much beyond a name or a label, is the encouragement for devout people to come together and collaborate in their respective communities to fight the evil flood that is specifically overwhelming the American culture, and Western civilization in general. My concern is that if we do not, the scourge of wickedness will get out of control and our loved ones will not be able to stand.

A Collaborative Call to Arms...

Yeshua and His followers were revolutionaries, who turned the First Century world upside down with the radical proposition that human beings can be saved from their lost estate by believing in the blood atonement for sin provided by the sacrifice of the Lamb of God. Down through the millennia, God has called others with the same belief in the imputed righteousness of Yeshua, to collaboratively impact their respective cultures with the good news and the Spirit-generated good works they were foreordained to accomplish. With the realization that evangelical Christianity, and in particular, Judeo-Christian moral standards, have been overwhelmed by the flooding tide of secular humanism and all of its derivatives—is it perhaps time to take a stand for God’s immutable Word and what it clearly articulates? Or are well-meaning followers of Yeshua the Messiah from Jewish and non-Jewish backgrounds going to cede Western civilization to the hordes of demonic forces that have been unleashed from a modern-day licentious and unprincipled Pandora’s Box?

What are some qualities in modern-day Messiah followers to look for?

A Call for Revolutionary Action to Prepare Others for the Approaching End of the Age

1. A sold out Believer in the Holy One of Israel (Yeshua) and in love with the Holy One of Israel (Deuteronomy 10:12-13), bond-servants, if you will, who have counted the cost and are mature in their respective walks (Romans 6:16-23; 2 Corinthians 4:5; Galatians 1:10; Ephesians 6:6-8; 2 Timothy 2:24; 1 Peter 2:15-17)
2. A recognition that you are being conformed to the image of the returning Messiah Yeshua, who is the Jewish Lamb of God and the Lion from the tribe of Judah (Philippians 3:10; Romans 8:29; Revelation 5:5; 7:17)
3. A love for Israel, and a heart for Israel, including the people and the Land (Psalm 122:6; Psalm 137)
4. A love for the Jewish people in particular (the “least of my brethren”), and a willingness to stand with the Jews, no matter what the cost (Matthew 25:34-46)
5. No personal agendas, selfish ambition, and a commitment to being total servants of the Most High (Philippians 1:17; James 3:13-16)

6. Doers of the Word and not merely hearers of the Word (James 2:17-27)
7. Knowledgeable about what the world is doing to erase the memory of the Holocaust, as would be seen in the Boycott-Divestment-Sanctions (BDS) movement being promoted by various Palestinians and Israel haters (Psalm 2; Psalm 83)
8. Fighters, defenders of the faith, those who have counted the cost of serving the Holy One of Israel (Luke 14:26-35; 1 Timothy 1:18; 6:12; 2 Timothy 4:7)
9. Those who understand the restoration of Israel (Acts 1:6), and what the Father is doing to make the restoration of all things happen at this point in time and in the future (Acts 3:19-21)
10. Watchmen and watchwomen who will lay down their lives for others (Ezekiel 33; Matthew 16:25-26; Romans 5:7)
11. A recognition that as Believers we are all uniquely called and gifted to be various parts of the Body of Messiah, being rightly fitted to do His work in the world (1 Corinthians 12; 1 Peter 2:1-10; Ephesians 2:14-22)

With the worldly beast system methodically rising to be at war with the saints of God, there will be two common denominators of the cohort, a testimony of salvation Yeshua and obedience to His commandments (Revelation 12:17; 14:12)

Some research on the model for change (the Clapham Sect in England from roughly 1790-1830), revealed this list of characteristics for effecting social and cultural transformation through concerted collaborative efforts:

1. Set clear and specific goals
2. Researched carefully to produce reliable and irrefutable evidence
3. Built a committed support community. The battle could not be carried on alone.
4. Refused to accept setbacks as final defeats
5. Committed to the struggle for the long haul, even if it took decades.
6. Focused on issues, not allowing opponents' vicious attacks on their person to distract them, or provoke them into similar response.
7. Empathized with opponents' position so that meaningful interaction could take place.
8. Accepted incremental gains when everything could not be achieved at once.
9. Cultivated grassroots support when rebuffed by those in power.
10. Transcended a single issue mentality by addressing issues as part of overall moral climate.
11. Worked through recognized channels without resort to dirty tactics or violence.
12. Proceeded with a sense of mission and conviction that God would providentially guide if they were truly acting in his service

<http://www.christianity.com/church/church-history/timeline/1701-1800/the-clapham-group-11630311.html>

The question which continues to reverberate in my mind, is not whether it is too late to take back our society—but rather is it even possible to find people with the above characteristics, who can volitionally lay down their lives and work together, in order to overcome the flood of evil that is extinguishing the Light of truth. Only time will tell...

Revolution Revelation

As you have read, my heart has been torn asunder in recent weeks, as I am processing what has transpired in the world where we currently reside. I truly believe that with the spiritual paradigm shift that took place in late June, there will be a litmus test for those who call upon the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and acknowledge that Yeshua is the

Messiah of Israel. My greatest concern is that many, who claim to know Yeshua or Jesus, will not pass the test and the deluding influences which are permeating our world.

This legitimate consternation, as you have read, has had me reflect back on not only my personal history, but also look ahead to every day before me—and to *challenge myself to continue* to offer myself up as a living sacrifice in service to the Holy One of Israel. The goal for all Believers is to be a pleasing aroma of faith to faith, as we confess, repent, pray, intercede, and supplicate before the Lord for His mercy—not only for ourselves, but also our loved ones, friends, acquaintances, neighbors, co-workers, and the world as each come to mind. But if you get the gist of what I am suggesting, I believe that the Father is pleased with prayers, but He is also mindful of the actions that we take. In other words, as James the Just describes it, God is looking for doers of the Word, and not just hearers:

“But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. **But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.** If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his *own* heart, this man's religion is worthless. Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world” (James 1:22-27).

I believe that the Clapham Sect of two hundred years ago most likely took passages like the above to heart seriously. In a like manner, what are we as modern-day followers of Yeshua the Messiah going to do? Are we disgusted enough with what we see happening in our world, to stand up for righteousness? Could we see the benefit of finding others to coordinate and work with, in order to accomplish wonderful things for the Lord, as He leads us?

My prayer is that the Holy Spirit would move on others, like He has me, to suggest that people around this country and beyond come together to find out exactly what the Father wants to accomplish through each of them. There is definitely power in numbers, because the Body of Messiah has need of so many different parts and gifts that when working together in unity, He can generate incredible results! The examples throughout the Scriptures of people collaborating are numerous (Moses/Aaron/Hur/Joshua et. al., David and his mighty men, Daniel and the three eunuchs, Ezra/Nehemiah/Zerubbabel et. al., the Disciples, the Apostles, etc.), and down through the history of the faith indicate that working in community with other like-minded individuals can generate profound good, as the Lord leads people into the good works He has prepared them to do (Ephesians 2:10).

Revolution does not sound like a wonderful thing to be involved in, but it is a part of being a follower of the Messiah, being a part of the third race of mankind that is just different because we are possessed—if you will—by the Spirit of the Most High God. But let me conclude with a rather lengthy statement made by Yeshua when He was giving His Disciples the charge to go forth into the world and be the “light to the nations” that Israel was called to be. Note in particular the reminder that there will be turmoil and “revolution” with others, whether they are family or authorities or whomever one encounters in the marketplace. The admonition to be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves applies to one and all:

“These twelve Yeshua sent out after instructing them: ‘Do not go in *the* way of *the* Gentiles, and do not enter *any* city of the Samaritans; but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Heal *the* sick, raise *the* dead, cleanse *the* lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely

give. Do not acquire gold, or silver, or copper for your money belts, or a bag for *your* journey, or even two coats, or sandals, or a staff; for the worker is worthy of his support. And whatever city or village you enter, inquire who is worthy in it, and stay at his house until you leave *that city*. As you enter the house, give it your greeting. If the house is worthy, give it your *blessing of peace*. But if it is not worthy, take back your *blessing of peace*. Whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words, as you go out of that house or that city, shake the dust off your feet. Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for *the* land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city. Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves. **But beware of men, for they will hand you over to *the* courts and scourge you in their synagogues; and you will even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.** But when they hand you over, do not worry about how or what you are to say; for it will be given you in that hour what you are to say. For it is not you who speak, but *it is* the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. You will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved. But whenever they persecute you in one city, flee to the next; for truly I say to you, you will not finish *going through* the cities of Israel until the Son of Man comes. A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master. It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, and the slave like his master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, how much more *will they malign* the members of his household! Therefore do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear *whispered in your ear*, proclaim upon the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows. Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven. Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I came to SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW; AND A MAN'S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD [Micah 7:6]. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it. He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward" (Matthew 10:5-42).

These are extraordinary times. Times like these require ordinary people to become available (living sacrifices) to serve the soon coming King of Kings. The charge is there. To those to whom much is given, much is required (Luke 12:48). Others have done it down through the centuries. The question we must ask not only personally, but to others who can perhaps fulfill at least a majority of the criteria listed above, is whether we can join with Yeshua the revolutionary in His quest to reach the lost and save those who will believe that He is the Savior of the world. This is a "third race" endeavor that is well worth devoting one's life to see achieved, because our days are definitely numbered!

May a revolution revelation sweep our land and turn hearts toward the Messiah and His work among the nations!

Advancing His Kingdom, until the Messianic restoration of all things...

MESSIANIC APOLOGETICS UPDATE

August 2015

Dear Friends:

This past month of July was utterly exhausting! Many of you know the story by now of how just after my Gulf Shores vacation the third week of June, that I



returned to Dallas only to find that the tnonline.net domain was thefted. We decided to go with the new **messianicapologetics.net** address—which we think is a very good thing. But along with this, all of the website addresses in our materials needed to be updated, and all non-time sensitive references to TNN Online had to be changed to Messianic Apologetics. Notwithstanding a few references that may come up here or there, this lengthy transition has been completed! My closing word to this, is that *“This transition took place at the most convenient, inconvenient time.”* I am glad it is over...

As I write this update, the biggest task I have in front of me is to push forward and finish the ten Gospel passages still needing analysis for our forthcoming *Messianic Sabbath Helper* publication. The paperback *Sabbath Helper* for 2015 is going to be about the same size as the *Kosher Helper* was for 2014. I really do feel that this resource, as important as it will be as a reference tool for Messianic people, has been an albatross that I have been carrying since 2009, when the previous spiral-combed *Sabbath Helper* was pulled out of circulation—in anticipation of a much larger, more thorough paperback publication to be released.

The Wednesday Night Bible Study on 1 Corinthians continues at a very steady pace, and we only missed two weeks as a result of the July transition. We are relatively on course to complete this sometime by the end of the year, and then continue on into 2 Corinthians. While I have been avidly using the social media tools on my Facebook Author page **facebook.com/JKMMessianic** and Twitter feed **@JKMMessianic**, I am also going to make more of an effort to use YouTube, both in introducing the Wednesday Night study, as well as speaking about some topical issues which are very important to people within the broad Messianic movement. Many of these posts will be offered sometime late on Saturday afternoon, after my congregational service is over.

Until next month...

J.K. McKee

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