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and a warning against the deception in the last days  
foretold by Christ

**"Take heed that ye be not deceived"**

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## AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

### GOD'S PLAN

As we look around us, read in our newspaper, or hear the news, we find the world is in turmoil. The economy sags, there is warfare, crime, and politics. There was a great earthquake in China, a cyclone in Burma, flooding in the middle of the United States - all bringing destruction, death and much suffering. Many ask - When will it change, when will the turmoil under man's control cease?

God reveals His plan for this earth in His Book, the Bible - the word of God from Genesis to Revelation. It is His infallible word, sure to come to pass in His chosen time. We are blessed! We have hope, love, guidance, His laws, commandments, and promises. God's hand is in every direction. It is God's purpose, not ours - of the Spirit, not of the flesh. God's grace and mercy are abundant.

We have just read Leviticus, Psalms, and Romans - revealing His purpose. Leviticus was given to Israel through Moses on Mt. Sinai as a part of His law; so also was Exodus and Numbers. Deuteronomy was given at the river Jordan, as Israel was about to enter the promised land after their 40 years of wandering in the wilderness.

After Moses received God's plan on Mt. Sinai, he found that Aaron and Israel had made a golden calf in his absence.

“... when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.”  
Exodus 32:1.

It was God's hand that brought them out of Egypt, according to His plan. God's people, impatient after 40 days, turned to an idol to lead them, ignoring how God had delivered them from their bondage in Egypt. Moses prayed for Israel, and God in His mercy forgave His people.

In our reading in Leviticus, we perceive God's provision in His plan, seen in the feast of the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). At that time, the high priest entered into the most holy place once a year to make atonement, first for himself, and then for his people, sprinkling the blood of the sacrifice upon the mercy seat. Atonement involves a cleansing, a covering, an appeasing; also to forgive, be merciful, to purge, pacify, ponder, reconcile. In His love, God provided a means of forgiveness:

“... there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he (the high priest) goeth in to make an atonement in the holy place, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel.” Leviticus 16:17.

This was a part of God's plan for His people. What does it mean to us, 3500 years since God established this yearly Day of Atonement? It pointed forward to the provision of His Son, the Lord Jesus, who gave His life in obedience to His Father's purpose as a means of cleansing and of forgiveness for Himself and for His people. Fifteen hundred years after the establishment of the Day of Atonement at Mt. Sinai, Jesus came, and John the Baptist spoke:

“... Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” John 1:29.

We have remembered Jesus' victory over His fleshly nature as He cried out on the cross:

“... It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the spirit.” John 19:30.

His victory was a part of God's plan for this earth.

As we have read of the Day of Atonement, and have remembered the victory of the Lord Jesus as He shed His blood on the cross, we bring to mind the requirement on the Day of Atonement:

“... ye shall afflict your souls...  
For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you,

to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.”  
Leviticus 16:29-30.

How does one afflict his soul? This word is also used as abase self, chasten, humble, submit, gentle self, subject self, weaken self. This reminds us of Jesus words to His disciples:

“... If any man will, come after (follow) me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.”

Matthew 16:24.

Jesus no doubt kept the feast of the Day of Atonement each year until His death, submitting to God’s instruction.

Another who no doubt kept the Day of Atonement was David, as we read of his spirit:

“Before I was afflicted I went astray but now have I kept thy word.”  
Psalm 119:67.

Further, David reveals his determination:

“It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, and that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

I am afflicted very much: quicken me, O LORD, according unto thy word.”  
Psalm 119:71,75,107.

David also spoke of God’s laws, statutes, testimonies and judgments, which helped him to abase himself:

“Moreover by them is thy servant warned, and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion (rule) over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.”  
Psalm 19:11-14.

David was known as “a man after mine (God’s) own heart” (Acts 13:22). He was in such a blessed position because his heart

was abased, humbled; he was striving to walk in the straight and narrow path that leads to the culmination of God's plan.

Some 1500 years after Mt. Sinai, and 4000 years since the garden of Eden, Paul wrote to his Roman (Gentile) brethren concerning God's purpose to be carried out after the victory of Jesus Christ over His fleshly nature:

“... the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.”  
Romans 16:20.

Through this gracious gift of His Son as a Redeemer, we are helped to bruise Satan, the serpent, in the head, as promised at the time of His creation. The enmity between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman which God pronounced in the garden will continue until Jesus' return to gather to His judgment seat those responsible to His word. Those judged to be the seed of the woman will hear the welcome words:

“Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”  
Matthew 25:34.

God's plan, God's purpose will come shortly, we believe, as we perceive the turmoil in the earth today. Those who are judged as the seed of the serpent will hear Jesus' words:

“... Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels (Satan and his seed): And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.”  
Matthew 25:41,46.

The cursed are subject to the curse that God spoke of to Adam and Eve: “thou shalt surely die” - therefore, they shall be condemned to eternal death.

Today is almost 6000 years since the time of Adam and Eve. The time of Jesus' return is shortly to come to pass. We know God's purpose - to establish the kingdom of God on this earth, bringing a time of peace and righteousness.

In the last book of God's word, we read of the Lamb's victory over the kings of the earth:

“... The Lamb shall overcome them (bruise in the head): for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called and chosen and faithful.”

Revelation 17:14.

There are many who are called, but as Jesus revealed:

“For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Matthew 22:14.

Those who are called are those whom God knows are capable of rightly responding; they will know affliction, to gentle and prove them. Those who are chosen are selected to see if they can be victors over their fleshly nature, having the help and grace of God. They will face the judgment of the Lord Jesus, with the hope of being part of God's purpose if they are found to be faithful. Those who are judged to be unfaithful, have loved “the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life...” (1 John 2:16), rather than the love of God and His Son.

As we see, hear, and read concerning the world today appearing to be more and more corrupt, in turmoil, many are wondering what will come to pass. The answer is clear and simple, as Jesus taught:

“... there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

And then shall they see the Son of man (Jesus) coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.”

Luke 21:25-28.

These are the last days of man's rule over the earth! Soon, in God's chosen time, His plan shall bring peace and righteousness for eternity.

J.A.DeF

## LOVE EDIFIES

Paul in his letter to the Corinthian brethren summarizes what is essential to our living faithfully in the Truth. Throughout Paul's writing he emphasizes the importance of loving God and one another, even one's enemies, for love builds up - it edifies and helps to bring one to the end of God's purpose intended for the faithful.

God's word focuses attention upon this vital aspect - love, and in the coming of the Lord Jesus, we see the fulfillment of the Father's love, for the law was only a schoolmaster to bring minds and hearts to the coming of His Son. It is not surprising that the Lord Jesus drew upon His understanding of this love when answering the Scribe who asked, "Which is the first commandment of all"?

"And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, HEAR, O ISRAEL; THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD:

AND THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIND, AND WITH ALL THY STRENGTH: this is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this, THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR AS THYSELF. There is none other commandment greater than these." Mark 12: 29-31.

His answer invoked a correct response in this man, who said:

"... Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:

And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

Mark 12:32-33.

Perceiving his understanding of the spirit of love within the law, Jesus, replied, "Thou art not far from the kingdom of God".

What is love? The word means, "to have affection, also friendship." It is a relationship in which one can depend upon

another to act out of love when there is a need. One would not go to a stranger for help, but to a friend, for they know a friend would act out of love to ease another's suffering.

“This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.”

John 15:12-15.

Here the Lord Jesus conveyed the ultimate love He would be required to pay - the laying down of His life for His friends - those who saw Him as the fulfillment of God's word. He didn't rely on the thinking of the flesh to overcome, but rather love - a love for His Father and His brethren. Only as one can reach out and subdue their own fleshly impulses, can they express true love for God and for others, for the flesh has no ability to love God.

There must be a strong bond of love and affection between the Lord Jesus and His brethren and sisters, for those that are truly aligned to Him will be shunned by the world and by those not of the same mind. He encouraged them not to fear when this hatred is felt, for the world hated Him first:

“If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.”

John 15:18-19.

What encouragement these words would give to those left behind after His death - those prepared to continue His work of spreading the Father's word to all the world and who would know hatred and persecution from the world.

Paul speaks further to the Corinthians where he devotes a whole chapter to explaining the importance of pure unfeigned love:

“Charity (love) suffereth long, and is kind; charity (love) envieth not; charity (love) vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Charity (love) never faileth:”

I Corinthians 13:4-8.

The focus of love is not directed towards self or doing deeds to be seen of men, but acts of kindness done for others without any benefit to ourselves. There is no aspect of the flesh to be found in love.

“When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.”

I Corinthians 13:11.

Children react impulsively, not thinking through their actions, often to their own detriment. Without discipline and guidance, their natural fleshly impulses rule their behavior. To truly discern what the power of love can bring to our living, we must be determined not to act rashly as children, but with calm deliberation in our every word and deed, that all we do and say may be motivated by the spirit of love alone.

M.C.S.

## THE CREATION

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”  
(Genesis 1:1)

The testimony of the Bible, (God’s holy word), describes how the Almighty formed this wonderful world in which we live. Also, how the sun and the moon were provided, to have a special positional function, to bring about “light upon the earth” (Gen.1:17), in the wonderful arrangement of “day and night”.

As the creative work proceeded, we find in the testimony of the Genesis account, of how man came to be on this good earth:-

“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion- - -.”  
(Genesis 1:26)

The “dominion” was to be “over every living thing that moveth upon the earth” (verse 28). These words testify to the fact that though the earth became the place of “living things,” also with God above were living things to whom God addressed the words:-

“Let us make man in our image after our likeness.”

So “the image of man” seen among the creatures of the world, was unique; and in man being told this, he was brought nearer to a conception of the life that is in the heavens. God’s word particularly testifies to how the work of heaven progressed in six days, and then declares:-

“Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.  
And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.”  
(Genesis 2:1—2)

Genesis, of course, deals with what concerns man. Beyond this earth and its environment, is a vastness which man cannot possibly understand. Mankind is required to accept what God’s word really testifies to. The “beginning” which we must believe in is that which particularly involves mankind, and what has been given for man.

Sadly as the years in these last days have gone by, man has allowed a pride of thinking to develop, which has led to the denying THEORY of an evolving world, though it is nevertheless still described as "A THEORY"! But, the so-called intellectuals have expounded it with great vigour, and it has been accepted on a great scale.

Leading eminent religious leaders who should resist this wrong, are no longer holding to the witness of what they themselves profess to uphold. How greatly they have been influenced by science so-called. This is shown in the following media report:-

"(They) accept there is life on other planets and believe it is all part of God's plan. (They) have let it be known there is no conflict between believing in God, and in the possibility of "EXTRA TERRESTRIAL BROTHERS" perhaps more evolved than humans. - - -

It's possible to believe in God and extra-terrestrials without bringing into question our own faith. - -

Christ died once and for all for our sins. It was once and unrepeatable. (we are) sure they will have God's mercy as well as man. - - -"

The media goes on to quote religious ideas which will influence the minds of some who still have a certain regard for the Bible's message. We quote herewith some of these:-

"- - - How can we exclude that developed life cannot be elsewhere? It's possible to believe in God and extra-terrestrials without bringing into question our own faith."

Reference has been made to a past eminent religious figure by a newspaper commentator as follows:-

"St. Francis spoke of brother earth and sister earth, so why cannot we speak of brother extra-terrestrial? It would all still be part of Creation."

Asked, if an extra-terrestrial was a sinner what would be his position? the religious leader replied:-

"Christ died once and for all, for all, for our sins. It was once and unrepeatable, so I'm sure they will have God's mercy as well as man" . - - -

He went on to say:-

“ - - - he believed the most likely explanation for the start of the universe was THE BIG BANG, the theory that it sprang into existence from dense matter billions of years ago. - - - But this was not in conflict with faith in God as a creator. There is a sense to creation. We are not children of an accident. - - - ”

Here then, are examples of how eminent religious figures are being influenced by scientific intellectuals who have no regard for the Word of the Lord. What did Christ say concerning mankind at the Beginning?

“The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

And he answered and said unto them? Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female.

And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh?

Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder,”  
(Matthew 19:3-6)

From this, we see that Christ, the Son of God, believed completely in the Genesis account concerning The Beginning.

As we consider the faith of Abraham, and the example of all those other believers, going back to the Beginning; do we not see how undermining of Truth is the talk of believing in the possibility of “extra terrestrial brothers, perhaps more evolved than humans; and who, because of God’s provision of Christ, will have mercy as well as man?”

The Bible account of God’s creation, in connection with humanity coming to this good earth, is an absolute fundamental of the Truth of God.

A BIBLE CLASS

**“CURSED THEM IN THE NAME OF THE LORD”**

**II Kings 2:24**

Our study involves Elisha, the prophet, who carried on the work of Elijah after God took Elijah. As he was taken up in a chariot of fire, his mantle fell upon the ground, and Elisha:

“... took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;”

II Kings 2:13.

Elijah’s mantle was a symbol of God’s power on behalf of His prophet, which was handed down to Elisha to carry out God’s will. Elisha tested that power when he came to the Jordan:

“... he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither and Elisha went over.”

II Kings 2:14.

Elisha, having seen the power of God, was strengthened and carried on the work of Elijah, using that power to heal a spring of water, as he said:

“Thus saith the LORD. I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or barren land.

So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spake.”

Kings 2:21-22.

It was God’s power that healed the waters, as Elisha carried out God’s word. Those who saw the power of God through Elisha - the people of Israel - would know that indeed there was a prophet in Israel and would esteem Elisha.

As Elisha went about the work as a prophet, he went unto Beth-el; and as he went:

“... there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head; go up, thou bald head.”  
II Kings 2:23.

The children knew of Elijah’s going up in the chariot of fire, and goaded Elisha to do the same. They also called Elisha: “... thou bald head” - having no respect for him as a prophet; rather, they mocked him. To mock means to scoff or scorn, having no fear of God or of His prophet. In their mocking of Elisha, they called him “... thou bald head.” God commanded concerning the priests, God’s servants, as also were His prophets:

“They shall not make baldness upon their head...  
They shall be holy unto their God, and not profane the name of their God:  
... therefore they shall be holy.”  
Leviticus 21:5-6.

Was there respect for Elisha who was holy unto God? They also called: “... Go up,... go up.” They may have seen Elijah go up in the fiery chariot, or probably knew of it. They mocked Elisha, to “Go up” - as Elijah did. These were “little children” who had some experience in knowing about the power of God or of His prophets, and knew of Elisha’s power as he wore Elijah’s mantle.

As Elisha heard their mocking, their scorning, he:

“... turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD.”  
II Kings 2:24.

He cursed them, not because they mocked him, but because they mocked the Almighty! The word cursed does not involve vile speaking, but rather to bring into contempt, to despise or condemn. These children were despised and sentenced by God as punishment for their mocking God and His prophet, What was their divine judgment their being “cursed in the name of the LORD”?

“... there came forth two she bears out of the wood, and tare forty and two children of them.”  
II Kings 2:24.

They were sentenced to be torn by the she bears - an unusual punishment, that two bears would kill forty-two children! It would bring fear upon those who witnessed or heard of this curse of the

Lord. To mock God's prophet was to mock God, bringing His wrath upon those who blaspheme His name.

All those of Israel who witnessed or heard of God's curse upon those guilty of scoffing against God, would grow in fear of God's justice, Elisha, strengthened in spirit by God's sentence, went about the work of witnessing to God's mercy upon those who fear him, and His condemnation upon those who dare to mock His name.

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**“The Lord is . . . not willing that  
any should perish.”  
II Peter 3:9**

Through Peter’s epistle, he writes to stir up his brethren’s minds regarding the blessedness of having a knowledge of God’s word and the great gulf between His one true way and the false doctrines created by the traditions of men:

“This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:”

II Peter 3:1-2.

With a knowledge and understanding of God’s word, comes a responsibility to keep His precepts with all purity, untainted by the false flesh pleasing doctrines of men, until the day of the Lord’s return:

“... they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.”

II Peter 3:16-18.

Our consideration in the 9th verse of II Peter chapter three, reminds us of God’s steadfastness toward us as failing creatures, undeserving of His mercy, and of the hope He has extended:

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

II Peter 3:9.

The knowledge of the gospel message is the good news that God has provided an escape from the sentence of death to men, through belief in Him and His Son.

After the fall in the garden, God sentenced man to death because of disobedience and at the same time offered a means of escape from this sentence through the shedding of blood, pointing forward to the sacrifice of His Son:

“Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.” Genesis 3:21.

Adam and Eve, recognizing their nakedness had fashioned aprons of fig leaves as a covering. However, the lesson to be learned was that man’s means of covering was not adequate - only through adherence to God’s plan could their nakedness be truly covered. These “coats of skins” covering their flesh, required the shedding of blood and death - a type of the sacrifice made by the Lord Jesus Christ. Throughout the ages, this same hope of life through the shedding of blood is recorded for those with ears to hear.

Ezekiel was a prophet sent as a watchman to the house of Israel to warn them of their waywardness. His was a grave responsibility to warn, for if he were negligent, the lives of those to be warned would be upon his head:

“But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman’s hand.

So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.” Ezekiel 33:6-7.

God in mercy sent Ezekiel as a watchman to warn the people of the punishment to come if they did not repent. As a loving Father, He is not willing that any perish and offers a warning when the danger of perishing is at hand.

God looks for an honest acceptable walk from those who have received a knowledge of His word:

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,  
Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts,

we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;  
Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;”

Titus 2:11-13.

The knowledge of the gospel which is the good news of the kingdom of God through the name of Jesus Christ, is given by grace alone, for we do not deserve such mercy. Again proof of His mercy, longsuffering and love that none would perish:

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”

John 3:16-17.

All of these thoughts make us think of the value God places on those that hear and do His word for He finds no pleasure in the loss of any. Perhaps this is why in teaching this principle, the Lord Jesus used an example which would be common to many of the country people:

“How think ye? If a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?

And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.

Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.”

Matthew 18:12-14.

How precious that one lost, when found, was to the shepherd. So too to the Father is the one repentant sinner who comes back to Him, for the love of God desires that all be saved and none lost out of the way of life.

M.C.S.

## SIGNS OF HIS COMING

“ - - - Except those days should be shortened.”

Jesus spoke some very significant words, they are recorded as follows :-

“And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.”  
(Matthew 24:22)

Two particular aspects in these words are that Christ warned of a time coming which would bring a threat to human life; but this would be a time of heavenly intervention. Since those days of Christ, when there have been some terrible wars, with considerable death and destruction, nevertheless the political situation did not pose a complete threat to mankind. But since the 1939-45 war how things have changed, and the world does not have an answer to what is now threatened.

A recent, media report was very indicative, as follows:-

“A British nuclear-powered submarine was forced to surface after it hit a rock off the coast of Egypt. - - - the boat is still water tight, however its sonar equipment was damaged leaving it unable to dive.

- - - (it) had recently been upgraded (and) is now being examined IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS before the Royal Navy DECIDES HOW TO RETURN IT TO PORT.

It hit an underwater rock 80 miles south of Suez. - - -A spokesman said the submarine’s nuclear reactor was unaffected and there was no environmental impact. An investigation has begun.”

The media revealed this was not the first time that a nuclear submarine had had an accident. A nuclear powered submarine ran aground six years ago. Authorities however kept that disaster from public knowledge. The question that is posed is how many other such accidents have taken place world wide that have been kept secret?

Considering this recent accident, there is an obvious warning

pointer in the news given about it. Having caught itself upon a rock, the Authorities appear to have been in a dilemma about what to do with the vessel BEFORE RETURNING IT TO PORT. If there is this problem at a time of peace, we ask what will be the situation at a time of nuclear war? How meaningful are the words of Christ for these last days, but what wonderful comfort there is in His preserved words, "for the elect's sake these days shall be shortened." A heavenly over-ruling will not allow mankind to destroy themselves. Some religions speak of a coming of "Hell Fire" which is to punish failing humanity. Those who speak, erroneously, of a personal devil, and a fiery hell, are very failing in their religious interpretation. Their apostate view actually implies that Heaven will fail. But Jesus assures His elect that the Father in Heaven will always be in complete control. This wonderful Creation is to have God's protection.

The Old Testament gives profound assurance.

"Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty. - - - Who laid the foundations of the earth, THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE REMOVED FOR EVER. - - -

O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. - - -

My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord.

Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD." (Psalm 104:1,5,24,34,& 35)

God is in control! He is near, not afar off. At a time of urgency and threat to His wonderful Creation, He will send His Son Jesus Christ, to bring deliverance for His elect, from sinners who are such a threat!

**NEWS FROM THE ECCLESIAS FOR SEPTEMBER 2008**

Hamburg, NEW YORK, Corner Southwestern Blvd. & Pleasant Avenue.

Sunday: Breaking of Bread 11:30am

Sunday Afternoon Class: 1:45pm

Midweek Bible Class: Forestville, Hamburg & Fredonia

Every Third Week: Revelation Study

Both the Hamburg and Manchester ecclesias have benefited from God's guidance in both ecclesial and personal matters.

Our mailing of invitations for literature has been resumed in September after the summer months.

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**MANCHESTER**

Sundays: Breaking of Bread 11.00 a.m.

Thursdays: Bible Class 2.00 p.m.

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The continuing interest in it is an encouragement to us, for this is another aspect of "The Work" going on.