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**AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD**

**"IS THERE ANY THING TOO HARD FOR ME?"**

Jeremiah heard these words from God as he prophesied unto Judah, just prior to their captivity in Babylon in BC 588. The Almighty spoke to Jeremiah concerning why they would no longer be a nation:

"... I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it.

For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have only done evil before me from their youth: for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, saith the LORD.

For this city hath been to me as a provocation of mine anger and of my fury from the day that they built it, even unto this day; that I should remove it from before my face."

Jeremiah 32:28,30,31.

Within two years Nebuchadnezzar had destroyed the city of Jerusalem, the temple, and the walls; the inhabitants were taken captive to Babylon, or scattered to other nations.

The Almighty spoke to Jeremiah of His mercy and grace.

"Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely:

And they shall be my people, and I will be their God:

And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:

And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul."

Jeremiah 32:37-41.

For those who have only one heart and only one way, He will gather them, and will plant them in the promised land. Such may seem to be impossible! But is there any thing too hard for God? Those whose hearts are fastened upon God's word, being circumcised in heart with the flesh cut away, and who walk in the one way will be gathered, and established again in Jerusalem.

The Almighty also revealed to Jeremiah His promise:

"And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. And I will set up shepherds over them which will feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD. Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

In his days, Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called. THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." Jeremiah 23:3-6.

To those in Jerusalem in BC 590, soon to be in captivity and scattered, there would be no hope if they did not turn from their ways. Nebuchadnezzar did capture Israel because they did not submit to God. But He promised that there would be a Branch and a King who would come and rule over the kingdom of Israel, to be established throughout the world. "THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS" will be King over all the earth, as promised to those who strive to glorify God through obedience to His Word. To those in Jerusalem in BC 590, this would have seemed to be impossible! But God had said:

". . . Is there any thing too hard for me?" Jeremiah 32:27.

God spoke to Jeremiah, to encourage him through God's prophecy, that He would re-establish Jerusalem and Israel:

"Behold, Hanameel, the son of Shallum thine uncle, shall come unto thee, saying, Buy thee my field that is in Anathoth: for the right of redemption is thine to buy it."  
Jeremiah 32:7.

Anathoth was a city captured by Nebuchadnezzar, so it would not be available for Jeremiah to buy. But Jeremiah believed in God and redeemed the sale of Anathoth, responding to God's word:

"... Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days.

For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in the land."  
Jeremiah 32:14-15.

In BC 590, Jeremiah redeemed the field, believing that God would do what seemed to be impossible! It came to pass that Cyrus, king of Persia, in response to God's word, allowed 50,000 Hebrews to go back to Judah; they possessed fields there in BC 445, under the work of Nehemiah.

The city of Anathoth was again a part of Judah (Nehemiah 11:32) - 145 years after the time of Jeremiah - thus fulfilling the word of God. His word will always come to pass, as He said:

". . . is there any thing too hard for me?" Jeremiah 32:27.

Ezekiel was a prophet sent to Israel in captivity in Babylon during the time of Jeremiah. The Almighty encouraged those who were captives through a vision which Ezekiel saw in BC 587 - one year after the destruction of Jerusalem and Judah.

"The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones...and, lo, they were very dry.

And he said unto me, Son of man (Ezekiel), can these bones live? And I answered, O LORD God, thou knowest.

Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD."

Ezekiel 37:1-4.

It is not possible for dry bones to come to life. In the vision, the dry bones heard the word of God:

“... the breath (His spirit) came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.”  
Ezekiel 37:10.

God spoke to Ezekiel:

“... Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.”  
Ezekiel 37:11.

This was their situation: captives with no hope - their nation gone! God further said through Ezekiel:

“... Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.  
And ye shall know that I am the LORD...  
And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, ... then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.”  
Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Impossible for the LORD? Too hard for the LORD? Obviously God will perform what He has promised - to gather those who have one heart and walk in His ways. He will fulfil this vision when Jesus Christ, His Son, comes to bring eternal life - as God has promised from the beginning of His purpose.

Further, God revealed through Ezekiel. His purpose which He would accomplish in His time:

“Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions:  
And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.”  
Ezekiel 37:16-17.

It is impossible to join two sticks to become one. Judah was separated from Ephraim, the ten tribes, in BC 721. Here in this vision to Ezekiel, in BC 587 - 134 years later - they were still separated. The

vision of the uniting of the sticks points forward to the time when Judah and the ten tribes will be joined as the nation of Israel, when the Lord Jesus returns, to accomplish the joining of the whole nation of Israel, as God said to Ezekiel:

“... I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king (Jesus) shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all: ... so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.”  
Ezekiel 37:22-24.

These visions were revealed to Ezekiel and to God’s people in captivity in Babylon to show His purpose to be accomplished. Impossible! they would think. But, “Is there any thing too hard for me?” saith the Lord. In His everlasting power, He will achieve His promised purpose.

Let us, Brethren and Sisters, give heed to God’s word which is infallible, and it will surely come to pass in His time, with His people, who put their trust in His words:

“... IS THERE ANY THING TOO HARD FOR ME?”

J.A.DeF.

**“THOU SHALT NOT REVILE THE GODS,  
NOR CURSE THE RULER OF THY PEOPLE”  
Exodus 22:28**

The reference of our subject is from Exodus - the record of God's laws and ordinances given to Moses, to help Israel walk in His ways and to deal fairly with their brethren and neighbors in a godly manner. Some of these ordinances are very specific and some give general guidelines to mankind in living with care and kindness for others. By giving a law, no one could say when they broke a commandment, "I did not know". All were made responsible to bear the consequences of breaking His laws when they walked contrary to His guidance. The law made clear what punishment or retribution should be made in each circumstance - none were left in doubt.

We may question when reading this verse, how could the law speak of "gods" in the plural form, when it is very clear there is but one God and Creator of all?

"Thou shalt not revile the gods..." (Exodus 22:28)

The word for "gods" as used here comes from the Hebrew word "Elohim", one of the names used for the Almighty, particularly denoting His position of power or authority.

The second part of this verse, gives us additional help as it refers to those put in positions of authority:

"... nor curse the ruler of thy people". (Exodus 22:28)

This speaks of giving respect to "rulers" or those in authority over us. If one despises a ruler it shows no respect to him or to God who has appointed him to his position.

Some despised or spoke lightly of Moses, not giving him the honor he deserved as a leader of Israel. He was appointed by the Almighty to be a deliverer, to bring His people out of Egypt. He did not ask for this position of honor, in fact he tried to resist, being a humble man. He was chosen because of his meek nature and became a type of Christ in his work of leading God's people out of bondage. Yet his own brother and sister, Aaron and Miriam complained and

reviled his position as a ruler:

“And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman.

And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? Hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard it.

(Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth. ) “

Numbers 12:1-3.

God took offense for their criticism of His servant Moses. He commanded the three of them to stand before the tabernacle and hear His verdict, as He came down in a pillar of cloud:

“... Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.

My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house. With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them: and he departed.”

Numbers 12:6-8.

They had both despised the man God had put in authority and therefore, they had disrespected God as well:

“And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous.”

Numbers 12:10.

Leprosy was a devastating punishment, for it was an incurable disease and a symbol of uncleanness. A leper was shunned and not allowed to approach or live near others for fear of spreading the disease. They were segregated into leper colonies, having no close contact with anyone not also afflicted with the disease. A leper would suffer pain, loss of fingers, toes, blindness and eventually face death without remedy. To see Miriam white with leprosy would be a shock, making her and Aaron understand immediately how serious was their offence in God's sight.

They appealed to Moses, the one they had reviled, that he

might intercede for mercy and healing on their behalf:

“... Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned.

Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother’s womb. And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee.”  
Numbers 12:11-13.

God heard Moses’ prayer and showed mercy. Miriam was healed, but was shut out of the camp for seven days as a symbol of her uncleanness. Those seven days, separated from Israel, would no doubt impress upon her the seriousness of her failure, and a reminder that only through the intercession of Moses was she made clean.

From the days of Solomon comes a similar thought in his inspired writings:

“Curse not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.”  
Ecclesiastes 10:20.

Even if those in authority are worldly men and walk not in God’s paths, the lesson for us is to use the spirit’s wisdom of gentleness and love and not react as the flesh would. This is not always easy, for not all rulers are faithful godfearing men, naturally commanding our respect. However, we must remember that no matter how evil worldly rulers may be, God has appointed them in His purpose. He is directing the affairs of all nations that all may be in alignment for the return of His Son and the establishment of the kingdom of Israel.

God used the pagan nation of Babylon to bring punishment and captivity upon His people Israel. Nebuchadnezzar the king, being a Gentile, knew not the God of Israel or His precepts. Yet he was used as a tool by the Almighty to bring God’s retribution upon Israel for their wickedness.

During Israel’s captivity in Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar came to a fuller knowledge of God through the faithful acts of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Witnessing their deliverance

from harrowing experiences by God, Nebuchadnezzar came to respect and acknowledge the Almighty and made a decree that others in his realm honor Him as well:

“Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort.”

Daniel 3:29.

Even after witnessing God’s power on behalf of Daniel and his three brethren, Nebuchadnezzar’s heart was lifted up in fleshly pride for all the wealth and military triumphs granted to him - forgetting he had been helped by God:

“The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?”

While the word was in the king’s mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee.”

Daniel 4:30-31.

God’s rebuke to Nebuchadnezzar for his arrogance, came through His faithful minister Daniel, who had been appointed to serve in the king’s court:

“This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.”

Daniel 4:17.

Rulers are appointed in God’s plan so that His purpose may be accomplished on the earth - whether that ruler is godly or evil depends upon the role God has chosen him to play, to effect His end. Therefore, to revile those in authority, whether their deeds be good or evil, is to refuse to accept God’s authority and choice.

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

The Bible commences with this important declaration of Truth. And the question may be asked? with what is God’s word concerned with? Well, in its testimony to mankind, it is surely about what mankind can see and consider about.

Man can look at the earth and all its wonders. Also he can look up into the sky, to see the Sun, the Moon and the Stars. But the Infinite goes far beyond these heavenly bodies that we can see, and this infinite space we would be naturally aware of, if it was for us to be aware of and be able to measure.

In the “heavens and the earth” we can see its creation was the result of a tremendous heavenly working. All that is about us was formed in a short space of time. Six days of Creation occurred, and then there followed the special testimony which scripture gives:-

“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.

And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it; because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.”  
Genesis 2:2-3.

The wonders that we see around us testify to us of the greatness of the Heavenly Father.

Alas, as mans’ knowledge has increased, so his veneration for The Most High has decreased. So has come the “Evolution Theory” and its undermining of the faith in the profound scriptural declaration concerning “The Beginning”. And recently we have had the news about a production of modern science called a Hadron Collider. It is a three and a half billion pound machine made in the CERN particle physics control laboratory in Switzerland. It has been very cleverly produced, but there has been difficulties about its performance. The physicists hoped this machine called “the collider” in which particles crash into each other at the speed of light in a

seventeen mile underground tunnel, will help them to understand more about "The Beginning". By simulating the conditions at the beginning of time, they hope to prove the existence of one particle, called the "Higgs Boson", to show this was what was a building block of life.

A recent difficulty with this machine, which was said to re—create the aftermath of the "Big Bang of Creation", caused it to seriously overheat, with the temperature of super conducting magnets causing it to break down.

We ask the question, what is the simple, yet profound Truth? Is it not the scriptural declaration?

" - - - In six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."

Exodus 20:11.

A BIBLE CLASS

**"HE THAT IS LEAST IN THE KINGDOM  
OF HEAVEN IS GREATER THAN HE"**

**Matthew 11:11**

These are Jesus' words as He was speaking of John the Baptist, who was in prison, condemned by Herod. He further spoke of John:

"... what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

For this is he of whom it is written, Behold. I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare the way before thee.

Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Matthew 11:9-11.

Jesus recognized that John was not only a prophet, but also he was greater than any man born of women. How was he greater than any man? John preached in the wilderness of Judaea, saying:

"... Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Matthew 3:2-3.

John was called of God to prepare, make ready, for the coming of the Lord Jesus to preach the gospel.

Jesus did come to John to be baptized in the river Jordan:

"But John forbid him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now, for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Matthew 3:14-17.

John was called from among all men to baptize Jesus cleansing the sentence of death to all men because of Adam and Eve's failure to obey God's commandment regarding the tree in the midst of the

garden of Eden. Thus John the Baptist became the prophet greatest of all men, called to prepare the way of Jesus, as He went about to "fulfil all righteousness." This He did until His death on the cross, when He cried out in victory over His fleshly nature as the son of man: "... It is finished" (John 19:30).

We can perceive how John the Baptist was the greatest of men born of women, as he was chosen to baptize the Lord Jesus. He was the one chosen to prepare for the fulfilment of God's purpose of His Son as the means of redemption, promised from the time of Adam and Eve. The end of the Old Testament reveals God's purpose to be accomplished at the return of Jesus to conquer the earth:

"Behold, I will send you Elijah (Elias) the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:  
And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." Malachi 4:5-6.

When Jesus returns to gather those who have been subject to God's word, He will judge those who are responsible. Those found to be righteous will hear:

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

Others who are judged to be unrighteous, will he at His left hand, and hear:

"... Depart from me, ye cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."  
Matthew 25:41.

Those who are at Jesus' right hand will become kings and priests in God's kingdom, ruling over all the earth. Great will be God's mercy and grace for those who are so blessed. Surely in this blessed state even the least in God's kingdom will be greater than John the Baptist, who was the greatest born of women. John was great in his work with Jesus, but looked forward with the hope of being found at Jesus' right hand, among those who will "inherit the kingdom prepared for (them) from the foundation of the world." How greatly John would rejoice and give glory to God for His mercy and grace.

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## THE APOSTLES' MESSAGE

We have recently begun reading in Acts the experiences of the apostles. These men were especially chosen by Jesus to be His delegates - ministers of the gospel message.

The word "apostle" comes from a prime root meaning, "to set apart". These faithful men were "set apart" to complete the mission of spreading the gospel after the Lord's departure, as Luke relates:

"The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Spirit had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me."

Acts 1:1-4.

It is recorded that the Lord Jesus was with His apostles for forty days after His resurrection, continuing to teach and prepare them for the work which lay ahead of them. He instructed them to tarry in Jerusalem until the power of the Spirit came upon them at Pentecost - the power that would enable them to perform miracles and recall with clarity His words, so that others may hear and believe:

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Acts 1:8.

A "witness" is one who saw an event and gave a first hand account. We are reading today of exactly that the apostles' witness as recorded in the scripture - the knowledge of Christ's teachings regarding Himself, the Father and the kingdom of Israel to come.

His twelve apostles lived with Him during the time of His

ministry, heard His preaching to the multitudes, witnessed His many miracles, and beheld His death and resurrection. All of these memories were engrained into their minds and brought to a full clarity by the power of the Spirit, which came upon them at Pentecost.

The Lord Jesus did not write a record of His teachings. It was written by these apostles - His witnesses, so that we today may know the truth of His life, His message and how we may endeavor to walk after His example. Again the Lord Jesus speaks of the apostles' future work saying:

"But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning."  
John 15:26-27.

From the time the Lord Jesus began His ministry, His message was clear and to the point:

"... Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."  
Matthew 4:17.

The apostles carried this message to the entire world, through oral teaching and the written record they made and which has been preserved for us today. Peter gives witness to the Lord Jesus as he spoke to men of various nationalities, gathered at Pentecost:

"Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;  
This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that

God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." Acts 2:29-30,32,36.

Peter's words must have made a great impact on those listening at that moment. He had witnessed that the Messiah, for whom the Jews had long awaited, had come, been ridiculed, scorned and then killed by His own brethren. Their anguish can be felt in their answer to Peter's speech:

"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Acts 2:37.

Peter's answer reflected the mission he had been given as Jesus' witness, to repent:

"... Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Acts 2:38-39.

Further in the record of Acts, we learn of one called Simon who witnessed the transfer of the spirit to others, through the power invested in Peter and John at Pentecost:

"Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Spirit." Acts 8:17-19.

He tried to buy the gift of the Holy Spirit with money, thus revealing what a great lack of understanding he had of God's word. Peter's reply made Simon's position very clear:

"... Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.” Acts 8:20-23.

As we continue reading in the record of the Acts of the apostles, their witness should encourage and inspire us in our work of witnessing to His name. Though our work is without power, it is still the same witness - to seek repentance and forgiveness through the name of the Lord Jesus, if we hope to share the hope of eternal life God has promised. Peter’s words emphasize this hope and the journey ahead of us:

“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.

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.” II Peter 3:9,13-14.

The only way that we as flesh can be found “blameless” is through the seeking of repentance and forgiveness granted under the covering sacrifice of the Lord Jesus.

How merciful is God to make known this truth, which can lead those willing to think differently, and follow after His Son’s example, to the hope of salvation.

M.C.S.

## SIGNS OF HIS COMING

World leaders have recently been very concerned about events in Iran. Action has been taken in Iraq, who is a neighbour of Iran, by certain of the Western powers. But when Iran is considered, there is a very great hesitation. Leaders are afraid of what might develop if forces were sent by them to take a degree of control of the Iranian national procedures.

As various media publications are read, what uneasiness is expressed. We will quote some of their foreboding, as follows:-

“--- The Iranians announced that they are planning to build ten uranium enrichment plants. Enriched uranium can be used as a fuel for nuclear power stations as well as a constituent of nuclear bombs - but there is zero chance that Iran's intentions are peaceful.

If Iran wished to switch its industry to nuclear power it could buy established off-the-shelf atomic energy technology from developed countries. - - - The only justification for running its own hugely expensive nuclear research programme is that it wants the enriched uranium for weapons.”

The question of course, can be asked, why would a country that has so much natural oil, want uranium for the production of fuel, for its people and for its industry?

The Middle East is a political, volatile area, no wonder world leaders are uneasy about circumstances in that area. We will quote some other recent comments of the world's media:-

“Fears of an approaching doomsday have sent shockwaves --- among --- Americans --- unending wars in Iraq and Afghanistan ---. Thousands have formed survival groups --- a conference on survival --- taught people how to purify water, dispose of a corpse and enjoy the flavour of rat meat. 'People are really, really, worried about the world coming to an end', says NASA scientists ---. What if the world is about to end?”

One scientist, endeavouring to calm the peoples' thinking, made the following comment, herewith quoted:-

"People are very gullible, says NASA'S (spokesman). 'It is a sad testimony that you need NASA to tell you the world is not going to end. I think when you lie on the internet and scare children in order to make a buck, that is ethically wrong'."

The final comment, on these particular media remarks, was:-

"As the clock keeps ticking, one thing is certain, we will have to wait and see."

Oh, how comforting are the words of the Father in Heaven, through His Son Jesus:-

"- - - Except those days shall be shortened, there shall no flesh be saved; but for the elects sake those days shall be shortened."  
Matthew 24:22.

God, with Omnipotent Power will save His good earth from the evil of mens' folly. As such things arrive in the earth, Divine intervention will take place. What a sign are such events, so we also have the following scripture:-

"So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors - - - this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done."  
Mark 13:29-30.

## NEWS FROM THE ECCLESIAS FOR FEBRUARY 2010

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

Sunday: Breaking of Bread 11:30 am

Midweek Bible Class: Forestville, Hamburg & Fredonia

Every Third Week: Revelation Study

We rejoice in gratitude for God's healing power on behalf of those who have recovered from recent illness and surgery. To be able to trust in God's will, allows hearts and minds to be relieved of worry and trepidation in our daily living.

In these last days, our closeness to God and appreciation for His care, takes on added comfort in our hope of salvation.

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## MANCHESTER

Sundays: Breaking of Bread 11.00 a.m.

Thursdays: Bible Class 2.00 p.m.

As we move forward into the New Year we wonder what this year will bring? To have hope, at such a time, is a wonderful blessing, as we contemplate the anxiety that exists amongst the governing classes about what is taking place.

God has looked graciously down to give understanding to those who look to Him in Faith. What a lot we have to thank Him for!

We rejoice with our Brethren and Sisters across the seas at the recovery of the sick for whom we prayed.

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