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No Warning

This past Friday a meteor streaked across the sky in Russia leaving a glowing trail. The meteor exploded causing a blindingly bright light that even rivaled the sun for a moment.

The shock waves sent from the exploding meteor broke glass in thousands of buildings, knocked down walls, and injured well over 1,000 people. The sound from the explosion was extremely loud. It was the sound which caused, by far, most of the damage from the meteor.

You can view actual footage of the meteor streaking across the sky, igniting as it entered the atmosphere, and then blazing with intense light at the end of its journey.

This meteor had no doubt been in space since the beginning of creation. On that crisp, clear winter's day, its path crossed with the Earth. There was no warning whatsoever. It just happened in a moment. Suddenly, there it was. People were saying there was no



warning. There is no way for there to be any warning of such an event.

To those who say there was no warning, I would say, the event itself can serve as a warning. There will be another event to unfold in the sky. Only a hand full of people saw the meteor, but, this other event, every eye shall see.

The LORD shall appear with all His holy angels and the sound of the trumpet. All living and dead alike shall see him. I Corinthians 15:52 tells us regarding this event, *“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”*

I Thessalonians 4:15-17 tells even more. There will be three sounds and we will meet the LORD in the clouds to ever be with Him. *“¹⁵For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”*

A meteor of the magnitude of the one last Friday might never hit the Earth again, but it's guaranteed that the LORD will return. There will be no signs or indications. Only God the Father knows the time.

For those not in the LORD, it will be the most horrible time imaginable. They will cry for the mountains and rocks to fall upon them. (Revelation 6:16) For those in the LORD, it will be the most blessed day imaginable. We are to look toward and hasten that day. Peter wrote in II Peter 3:12, *“Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?”*

Let the meteor of last Friday, which had no warning, serve as our warning. An event will with certainty unfold in the sky. That event will be to our everlasting destruction or our eternal life.

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—Marty Edwards❖



—Continue to remember **Sally Marshall, Jewell Watkins, and Jean Coffey. Shirely Parson** has injured her back and is in much pain.

—As of this past Wednesday evening, we are broadcasting the computer display shown during worship, along with the audio of our services, via YouTube. You can access it live or archived at www.youtube.com/user/munfordvillecoc. This is in addition to our regular audio broadcasting and recording. You can log onto our web site and click on “LIVE Broadcasts” for the link and more information.

After using the same computer equipment and display since 1997-1998 we have upgraded to a new i7, 16GB ram computer and 60" flat-screen display. This will help those here to see much more easily. It also lets us broadcast much more, such as the video of the display, which was impossible with the old computer. I am grateful to all the congregation for making this possible and for all supporting the on-line work we do.

There are hundreds who log in each week from all over the world to listen to Bible readings or access other materials we have online. While I was working remotely on the new computer system from home this past Friday, within the space of 5 minutes we had listeners log on from Iran, Ireland, and Germany. Outside of the United States, the most listeners we receive are from Europe and India. Many are beginning to listen from Africa and southeast Asia. Just as I was heading to bed Friday night I noted there were listeners from Singapore and Brazil. We are also getting a very high number of listeners from Arabian countries.

These just happen to be the ones I see. I can check the logs and see where every listener is from, but there are so many I tend to just do random checks.

There are many people in the world wanting to learn the truth and know about the Gospel. I read this past week there are an estimated six billion cell phones in the world. With the widespread use of cell phones connected to the Internet, the Gospel is going into places previously unreachable. With the recording and archiving of our

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Sunday, February 10, 2013		
Classes	21	John 16:12-33
Preaching	28	Genesis 1
Contribution	\$570.00	
Evening	21	Nehemiah 5:1-19
Wednesday, February 13, 2013		
Classes	22	Judges 11:1-40

Visitors— Feb 10 (PM) Joanna Locke (Hardyville, KY)
Feb 13 (Wed) Madison Gaddie (Munfordville)

Bible Quiz

How many Jews and rulers sat at Nehemiah’s table?

Last Week’s Answer— A piece of a millstone (Judges 9:53)

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services, lessons, and bulletins, the potential to reach others will be here until the end of time.

Your support of the work here is commendable. We are able to do much for the cause of the LORD from right here. Continue to pray for our efforts. Even if we only ever reach one soul, that one soul is worth all the world. I feel, however, many will be reached as time unfolds.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—
1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)