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## Signs of the Times: Shining Bible Light on Current Events

The Lord has wrought many blessed judgments in the world this week which can be seen plainly by any who have been given eyes to see, ears to hear, and a heart to understand by the gracious hand of God. **“Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not: for they are a rebellious house.” (Ezekiel 12:2)** This entire world is a rebellious house! Therefore, the Lord, the God of Israel, is punishing the people of it! Let’s view some of this week’s judgments from the proper perspective:

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016, a sadly confused individual decided to curse the Lord to His face and deny the laws that He set forth when she decided to refuse the assignment of a gender to her child, who was issued a genderless identification card early this week. Kori Doty, who identifies as neither male nor female, as if the Lord wasn’t sure what He was doing when He made the universe and everything in it, decided to further that confusion and put it upon her child. **“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4)** Provoke not your children to wrath = tell them the truth about God and His laws, then obey! The Lord made them male and female. End of story. **(Genesis 1:27)**

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, Australia saw its first same-sex couple become “married” under their new contract known as the “Evermore Pledge.” However, the Lord’s word truly is forever. The same yesterday, today, and forever. **(Hebrews 13:8)** His standard is clear: one man and one woman. **“But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.” (Mark 10:6-8)** Australia has denied the Lord, leading this world one step closer to being like the days of Lot; **“even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.” (Luke 17:23-30)**

On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, a bus crash in Bavaria, Germany took the lives of 18 people and left two more in critical condition. Just last week, Germany turned their backs further on the God that created them by passing legislation that gave full marital and adoption rights to same-sex couples. When a nation turns from God in their hearts and run to wickedness, only destruction awaits. **“Is not destruction to the wicked? and a strange punishment to the workers of iniquity?” (Job 31: 3)**

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, this prideful nation celebrated their “Independence Day.” Lifted up in their pride, the people of this forsaken nation turned their backs on God, foolishly thinking their so-called freedom extends to that of freedom from the Lord’s commandments. This nation has forgotten that the Lord does all things. He sets the bounds of your habitation **(Acts 17:24-32)**, He gives peace, and only He can save you from destruction. **“Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished: but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.” (Proverbs 11:21)**

July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> were the dates for the twelfth meeting of the Group of Twenty (G20) which took place in Hamburg, Germany. Leaders from the 20 wealthiest nations met to discuss economic regulation and other “issues of global significance.” This event spurred various violent protests in the weeks leading up to and during the summit. A fitting display of the oh-so “peaceful and tolerant” people in this world. Only the Lord can give a proper understanding to rule a nation. **“Only the LORD give thee wisdom and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of the LORD thy God. Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest heed to fulfill the statutes and judgments which the LORD charged Moses with concerning Israel...” (1 Chronicles 22:12-13)** Obey God and keep His commandments!

Woe to you who have hardened your hearts against the Lord and His word. The destruction of this world is imminent; you must believe on Christ, repent of your sins, and seek the Lord with humility. **“For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon day, and Ekron shall be rooted up. Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of the LORD is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.” (Zephaniah 2:4-5)**

## Repent or Perish!