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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 Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, a total solar eclipse crossed the continental United States. The extensive reach of this wonder gave rise to the title of the “Great American Eclipse”. All across the nation, people took time off of work, travelled, and gathered together to watch the first total solar eclipse in the contiguous United States since 1979, and what a sight it was to behold. The Moon hovered in space between the Sun and Earth, blocking out the majority of the light, plummeting temperatures, and revealing stars that would normally remain invisible during the day. This sight should have brought to the forefront of any godly man or woman’s thoughts any number of verses from Scripture e.g. **“When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?” (Psalm 8:3-4)** and **“And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.” (Genesis 1:3-4)** This magnificent creation of the Lord shines forth day in and day out, as a constant reminder to the inhabitants of this wicked world that the Lord has ordained all things, and has set them in their courses and can do with them as He will! **“They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.” (Judges 5:20)** Yet man has turned even the celestial bodies into a thing of worship, to the point that the Lord, in His commanding of the children of Israel not to turn to any other source of worship says this: **“And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven. But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as ye are this day.” (Deuteronomy 4:19-20)** Yet in all of this beauty and wonder, God is not given the glory. The media across this country spoke to the “spiritual experience” of the eclipse, but the praise belongs to God! **“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;” (Romans 1:28)** Romans 1 lays out the stages of the curses that God will lay upon a people who have forgotten Him, and how the people of modern day America have forgotten Him. Another facet of this wondrous event points us to the end times. This brief blotting out of the sun was but a foretaste of events yet to come. **“For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.” (Isaiah 13:10)** **“The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.” (Joel 3:15)** **“Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:” (Matthew 24:29)** **“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light” (Mark 13:24)** The Lord has revealed to man, through his prophets, and even through the Lord Jesus Christ himself, that at the end of days the sun will be darkened. The effects felt across the United States as a result of this eclipse will be magnified and multiplied the world over. **“And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;” (Revelation 6:12)** Any man or woman on the Earth with eyes to see, ears to hear, and a heart to understand should draw these conclusions from this event, and read the signs of the times. Praise the Lord!

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!