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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 Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Jewish holiday Rosh Hashanah began. It is commonly known as the Jewish New Year, and is supposed to be the anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve. It is also the beginning of ten “Days of Awe,” which culminate in Yom Kippur, or “Day of Atonement.” Rosh Hashanah is supposed to signify God opening the book of life in order to write the names of those who are saved. It is observed by seeking repentance and performing good deeds in order to be written in the book of life on Yom Kippur. Rosh Hashanah is also observed by praying, attending religious services, and sounding the shofar (hollowed-out ram’s horn) as a type of warning call to repentance. Like all Bible-based holidays, Rosh Hashanah is a combination of bastardized scriptural concepts and humanistic, secular thinking. Repentance should be sought at every moment, not a few days every year. Also, Jews will always fall short of this as long as they continue their millennia-long rejection of Christ, whom they killed and is the only being by which any human’s name can be written in the book of life. **“For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.” (1 Peter 2:21-24)**

On Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Hurricane Maria began ravaging U.S. territory Puerto Rico. The storm has left at least 10 dead, the entire island without power, and many with very limited access to water. As a Category 4 storm, it is the most powerful storm to hit the island in decades. And yet, the remaining inhabitants must thank God for sparing them from death and heed this profound warning. All of these storms and earthquakes that have recently come upon this area of the world are tiny adumbrations of the great meteorological events of Earth-reshaping proportions foretold of in Revelation. **“And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great [...] And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.” (Revelation 16:17-20)** Thank God and repent!

On Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, former Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott was head-butted by a fag-marriage activist in Hobart, Tasmania. Mr. Abbott was campaigning for a “no” vote in Australia’s national survey that is currently being taken over whether to allow fag marriage when he was attacked. The attacker was wearing a “Vote Yes” badge at the time. In a twist of irony, the Australian government passed a law last week temporarily banning hate speech that vilifies people on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity until the survey is complete in November. Fags are violent; indeed, unrepentant sinners in general are dangerous when God gives them over to their human wrath and lusts. **“Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others [...] Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.” (Ephesians 2:3 and 4:18-19)**

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!**