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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 its people! Let’s view some of this week’s judgments from the proper perspective:

The Lord is once again pouring out His wrath on wicked and disobedient California in the form of a wildfire. The blaze broke out on Monday, July 23rd, and has since grown to 83,000 acres. Three thousand fire personnel are attempting to combat and contain the fire, and at least two have died. Similarly, the deadliest wildfire in Europe since 1900 that is raging in Greece has amassed a death toll of 91. **“Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.” (Acts 7:51)** The Lord began the fires, and the Lord will end the fires when and if He pleases. Man’s job is to be thankful in all things, and the consequences of not being thankful are laid out in Romans 1: **“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.” (Romans 1:21)** California has been at the forefront of pimping proud fornication, adultery, homosexuality, and any other sin that they can find to encourage for the majority of its existence, with no sign of slowing, despite the clear judgements of the Lord against them. The only hope for California, as with the nation at large, and the world around us is to repent, as Nineveh did in the days of Jonah. **“And Jonah began to enter the city a day’s journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown. So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.” (Jonah 3:4,5)** You must begin by recognizing that your sin is the source of these judgments, and turn from them!

On Friday, July 27th, a 60 year old man is believed to have been the perpetrator in a murder-suicide with a death toll of five. Among the dead are the man's father and stepmother. Violence reigns in this country and the world! The article announcing this news, following the form of many such stories that proceed it, voiced the thoughts and prayers that go out to the family of the victims. God will not hear the prayers of the wicked! **“And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.” (Isaiah 1:15)** When society turns from the Lord, and instead serves the lusts of the dark heart of man, you can only expect that He will not hearken to you. Expect events such as this, and worse. The commandments from the Lord are these: **“Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. Thou shalt not kill.” (Exodus 20:12,13)** In direct opposition to the commandments of God, this man acted according to the following: **“For the son dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; a man’s enemies are the men of his own house.” (Micah 7:6)** It is now too late for these who have died to mourn for their sins and repent, but while you still draw breath, the Lord can change your heart to know and fear Him.

On Saturday, July 28th, two gunmen opened fire on a crowd gathered outside a New Orleans business. Three were killed, another seven injured. A manhunt is underway for those responsible people. It appears that the attack was unprovoked, and police say the suspects fired indiscriminately into the crowd. God sends the shooters. It cannot be said enough that no quantity of gun control laws, thoughts and prayers, or rallies against such violence will end the outpouring of judgements such as this. The U.S. has had a violent military presence in the world for many decades now, and the only expectation for this country that her men, women, and children will be slaughtered time and time again. **“Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword” (Matthew 26:52)**

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!