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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:

An article in BBC News Online by Hugo Bachega titled “The threat of rising anti-Semitism” discusses how the US is having increased reports of anti-Semitism throughout the nation. Bachega appears to have focused on this issue because of the Squirrel Hill attack, which killed eleven last week. He reports, “Anti-Semitic incidents increased 57% in the US in 2017 compared to the previous year, according to the Anti-Defamation league (ADL), with cases reported in every single state for the first time since 2010. With alarming frequency, swastikas and messages like 'Hitler was not wrong', 'Kill all Jews' and 'No Jews' have appeared on synagogues, Jewish graves, homes and school campuses, terrorizing their targets.” More and more reports like this are coming to light displaying the world’s hatred for the Jewish people. Since the time of ancient Egypt, country after country has attacked, enslaved, or done both to the Jewish people, because the Lord decreed it. For example, **“But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon.” Ezra 5:12** This wasn’t just taking the Jewish people as slaves - the Babylonian nation killed way more than they enslaved.

The reason why there is so much anti-Semitism throughout the world is because the Lord is doing this because the Jewish people have forgotten who God is. They have their “traditions” instead of the commandments of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob who promised them everything, and that he will never forget them or forsake them. Right now, the Jewish people do not believe this promise, and until they cry unto the Lord for killing their King, this anti-Semitism will not change and in fact it is going to get worse. **“And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. 21 Then let them which are in Judea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. 22 For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! For there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. 24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.” Luke 21:20-28**

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!