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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 Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, an explosion caused by a gas leak blew apart a Paris bakery, killing at least three and injuring dozens more. France has long attempted to buck the standard of God to follow the standard of man, following swiftly in the footsteps of their spiritual forefathers, Sodom and Judah, whose example they have forgotten. **“Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.” (Jude 1:7)** **“As I live, saith the Lord GOD, Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters.” (Ezekiel 16:48)** To the people of France: turn from your fornications, your uncleanness, your self-worship and idolatry. Regardless of how much time has transpired since the creation, the word of the Lord does not change. Don’t be a mocker or a scoffer: **“Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.” (2 Peter 3:3-4)** Despair and woe wait for those who die in their sins, not being covered in the blood of the Lamb.

On Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, winter storm “Gia” swept down from the Rocky Mountains and across the Midwest. The storm continues to lay down heavy snow, sleet, and rain across several states. Nearly 200 crashes have been reported so far, with a death toll of at least five. The Lord continues to open up judgements against the people of this generation, who are aptly described in the Proverbs: **“There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother. There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! And their eyelids are lifted up. There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords, and their jaw teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men.” (Proverbs 30:11-14)** The Lord Jesus Christ is as much in control of this storm as He is any other, including those when He took on this flesh: **“And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.” (Mark 4:37-39)** Our warning to you is this: Remember that the God who created all things, including the storm, has required humble service of all mankind. **“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13)**. Turn to Him and worship while you still draw breath.

This week continues the childish contention euphemistically being referred to as a partial government shutdown in the U.S. Since before President Trump took office, the leaders of this nation have lambasted and mocked the man who was ordained of God to rule over them for a time, forgetting this instruction from Paul: **“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.” (Romans 13:1)** Of course, how could anyone expect that the earthly leaders would be given the appropriate respect when man consistently attempts to rob God of the reverence due him? As a reward, the Lord truly ordains the basest of men. **(Daniel 4:17)**.

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!