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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:

Wednesday, May 1st, began Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day, an Israeli national memorial day to commemorate the approximately six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust by Nazi Germany. The day is also meant to honor the "heroes" of the Holocaust, such as those who fought and resisted transportation from the Polish Warsaw Ghetto to concentration camps in the 1943 Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. The day, in part, is observed by two minutes of silence, in which sirens blast throughout the country and everyone stands still in silence; this includes motorists, who stop their vehicles on the highway and stand outside of their cars. It started at sunset on Wednesday and ended at sunset on Thursday. The whole thing is a sad scene, both because of the great evil that killed many, many people, but also because of the lack of looking to God in any of it. Your effort is better served in remembering God, not your "heroes." **“Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.” (Luke 9:60.)** The perpetrators of evil are sent by God to serve His purpose, though they seek their own purpose in their own minds. **“O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation. I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few [...] Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.” (Isaiah 10:5-12.)** Turn from your pride, repent, and believe on Christ - that is your only hope. **“The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.” (Acts 5:30-31.)**

This week was also marked by a series of seemingly chaotic events throughout the world. There were two shootings in the US: one left one person dead and three injured at a San Diego synagogue on Saturday, April 27th, and the other was Tuesday, April 30th, at the University of North Carolina – two were killed and four were injured. Another round of protests in Venezuela in favor of self-declared interim president Juan Guaido against President Nicolas Maduro erupted into violent clashes with the military on Tuesday. The goal of the protests was to convince the military to join the uprising, but the attempt petered out after a couple days. On Friday, the Republic of Congo announced that the death toll of their current Ebola epidemic, which began in August of 2018, had surpassed 1,000. Efforts to control the outbreak have been impeded by continued attacks on healthcare workers and treatment centers due to paranoia and mistrust of the government. Also on Friday, Tropical Cyclone Fani made landfall in India, killing seven. Finally, on Saturday, May 4th, North Korea conducted a missile test in which it shot several projectiles into the Sea of Japan, heightening tensions with the US as the countries negotiate the denuclearization of the country. Thank God! This all is a shadow of the grievous chaos that will come upon the world in the run-up to the return of Christ. **“And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.” (Revelation 6:4.)** By the grace of God, He will provide a way for His elect to escape. **“Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.” (Psalm 91:5-8.)**

Repent or Perish!