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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:

The Iran saga continued this past week following the breaching of the US embassy in Iran by protesters on the final day of 2019. A series of retaliations then unfolded with the assassination of General Soleimani, and the resulting missile attack of US military bases in Iran which was without casualty. This seemed to mark the end of the conflict as the lack of deaths in the final attack would have sated Iranian pride while allowing Trump an out via the non-violent recourse of economic sanction. This is reminiscent of these promises the Lord has made to the wicked **“Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment” (Psalms 73:6)** and **“There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked.” (Isaiah 48:22)** Then, in a bizarre turn of events, a Ukrainian passenger plane was utterly destroyed shortly after takeoff from Iran by anti-aircraft missiles, killing 176 passengers predominantly of Canadian and Iranian origin. After a brief cover-up, Iran took responsibility for the attack in claiming it was an accident; as a result, Iran has seen a flourish of protests demanding the abdication of the ayatollah. What then can we say following all the wanton pride and death wrapped up in this conflict? To the families of these passengers and yea to all people, it is the same as it was when Christ spake concerning them upon whom the tower of Siloam fell: **“except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”** To this nation, the message is this: **When a man’s ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. (Proverbs 16:7)** In their arrogance, Donald Trump and his counsellors believe they can manufacture a peace here, even while they denounce the King of Peace in their actions and way of life, forgo the enactment of righteous policies for the maintenance of their democratically obtained power, and ultimately trust in their own strength by walking by the light of their own sparks. **“It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.” (Psalms 118:9)** Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow. (Isaiah 50:11) The LORD will repay.

In other news, another slough of earth judgments has been recompensed by the LORD against rebellious humanity in the past week. Another earthquake has been brought to bear on Puerto Rico causing millions in damages. Twenty million in the US are under flood watch as a killer storm rolls across the Midwest and East coast, generating tornadoes in Alabama, Kentucky, and Mississippi, and which has already left many without power. This is nothing short of what the LORD has promised to them that refused to regard God, who ignore his reproof and who vilify his people: **I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.” (Proverbs 1:26-33)**

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!**