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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:

This week in Australia, every state has had a taste of the wild bushfires killing millions of animals and at least 28 people. Some of these fires have been going on for months due to a massive drought, high heat, and high winds. Experts are saying that climate change has had a big impact on natural disasters such as fires and floods. Don’t try to cover up your guilt in this matter. You blatantly disobey God and then pretend that he doesn’t punish you for it. **“But I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, saith the LORD: and I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about it”** (Jeremiah 21:14). **“And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible”** (Isaiah 13:11). This Thursday, there was heavy rain and thunderstorms across the east coast of Australia which brought a brief respite to the fires, but the rain brought flash flooding and the lightning brought the possibility of new fires starting. The flash flooding washed much of the ash into the Macleay River in New South Wales killing hundreds of fish and leaving their carcasses on the banks of the river. This is not an accidental course of events. The Lord gets all the glory whether you recognize that fact or not. **“Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the LORD hath spoken. Give glory to the LORD your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness”** (Jeremiah 13:15-16).

Also, this week the Trump administration announced that it is updating federal guidance for prayer in public schools to try and reduce discrimination against people and groups of faith. It will require state departments of education to provide a clear process for people to report complaints that individuals were denied constitutionally protected prayer. It also requires the departments of education to report public charges of religious discrimination. They want to try and provide religious student groups the same benefits, privileges, and rights that other student groups have. A school’s only function is to provide its students with an education so that they can provide for themselves in the future. It is not meant to be a place to practice your religion, and prayer is not meant to be a public affair. The Lord will not hear your faithless, vain prayers. **“He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination”** (Proverbs 28:9). If you obey God and keep his commandments, then through prayer you will receive all things. **“And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive”** (Matthew 21:22).

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!