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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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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:

Here are some things that happened to America this week:

- The South Fork Fire and Salt Fire ignited and spread in New Mexico, converging near Ruidoso. Two have been killed, and more fatalities are expected to be discovered. 1,400 structures and 24,000 acres have been burned, and 8,000 people have been evacuated.
- Over 100 million Americans are under heat alerts over the weekend, especially in the northeast. D.C. is under a heat emergency. Extreme heat in California is also hindering firefighting efforts against the Sites Fire, near Sacramento.
- Tropical Storm Alberto, the first named storm of this season, slammed into Mexico, killing 3. It also brought floods to Texas, which issued a severe weather disaster declaration for 50 counties.
- There was a spate of reports of illegal immigrants committing grievous crimes this week: a man from El Salvador raped and killed a mother of 5 in Maryland; a man from Ecuador raped a 13-year-old girl in NYC; two men from Venezuela strangled a 12-year-old girl in Houston; and 5 men from Honduras and Mexico kidnapped a 14-year-old girl in Indiana before being arrested in Missouri. In this same vein, 8 men from Tajikistan were arrested on the West and East Coasts last week on suspicion of plotting a terrorist attack.

God is America's enemy, because she hates God and loves sin. "But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them." (Isaiah 63:10). There's a famous saying that the U.S.'s two greatest generals are General Atlantic and General Pacific, because the oceans provide security from foreign attacks. So what does that matter when this is the description of your enemy? "Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans, which besiege you without the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city." (Jeremiah 21:4).

"Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places. He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain; he bringeth the wind out of his treasuries." (Psalm 135:6-7).

"For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also." (Psalm 95:3-4).