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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:

In the late hours of Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, the United States House of Representatives passed a bill outlining their intended misuse of government funds for the year to come, just hours before the deadline to avoid a government shutdown. In-fighting amongst the Republican majority caused previous attempts to pass the spending bill to fall flat. **“For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof: but by a man of understanding and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged.” (Proverbs 28:2)** The current state of American government is one of abused authority and broken trust. The social contract between government and people has been eviscerated, and it is the hallmark of a nation on the fast track to destruction. **“Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is a child, and thy princes eat in the morning! Blessed art thou, O land, when thy king is the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!” (Ecclesiastes 10:16-17)** If the leaders in government ruled well, would government shutdown loom year after year? Would representatives be lining their pockets while impoverishing those they are sent to represent? Would government limits on spending be set and then broken year after year? The answer to these questions is a resounding: NO! **“Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the LORD.” (Proverbs 20:10)** **“When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.” (Proverbs 29:2)** We live in a nation that has forgotten God (Psalm 9:17), and has decided instead to walk in the dim light of their own sparks.

Also on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, a 50-year-old man plowed into a christmas market in Germany. He was driving a BMW SUV and drove nearly a quarter of a mile through the crowded market for a full three minutes, crushing and crashing into marketgoers as he went. When the carnage ceased, five are dead and over 200 people were injured, nearly a quarter of which were in critical condition. The murderer behind the wheel, Taleb al-Abdulmohsen, hails from Saudi Arabia and has lived in Germany for 18 years serving as a doctor. Remember, the same God who said: **“Thou shalt not kill.” (Exodus 20:13)** also said: **“Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.” (Exodus 20:3-6)** It must be said that were those individuals not at the market, engaged in the idolatrous festival of christmas, then this outpouring of God’s wrath would not be upon them this day. Remember the words of Christ: **“Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” (Luke 13:4-5)** It is the duty of all men everywhere to fear God and keep His commandments (Ecclesiastes 12:13) and to ignore that command is only to invite the wrath of God upon yourself! More and worse are to be expected, as even in the death throes of the world its inhabitants will not leave their idols: **“And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.” (Revelation 9:20-21)**

**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!**