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Religious Opinion & Bible Commentary on Current Events

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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. Let's view some of this week's judgments from the proper perspective:

The big news story of this last week was the storming of the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. by supporters of President Trump on Wednesday, January 6th. In the run-up to that event, Trump spoke at a rally of thousands of supporters around noon on the Ellipsis, a park in front of the White House. He claimed the 2020 presidential election was stolen from him, and he encouraged his supporters to march on the Capitol. Some of his more charged quotes include, "We fight like Hell and if you don't fight like Hell, you're not going to have a country anymore." He also said, "You'll never take back our country with weakness. You have to show strength, and you have to be strong." Trump has never had control over his spirit or tongue, and the events that followed highlight that. **"Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. [...] But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."** (James 3:5-8).

Around 1 PM EST, hundreds of attendees marched to the Capitol to protest Congress, which was meeting to count the electoral votes of the 2020 election and once again confirm that Joe Biden had won. Protesters became rioters and eventually pushed past police to violently breach the Capitol, through which they ran roughshod until law enforcement took back control around 5:40 PM EST. During that time, they broke into and vandalized the Senate Chamber and offices of members of Congress. One woman was shot and killed by Capitol Police in an attempt to break into the House of Representatives Chamber. A police officer was murdered by someone with a fire extinguisher. Three others died of "medical emergencies." Pipe bombs were discovered at the Capitol, DNC, and RNC; they were disposed of safely. The President issued statements through Twitter that told rioters to stop and leave the Capitol, but he also bizarrely told them he loves them and "you're very special." He also fled back to his favorite refuge of lies, that the election was stolen from him.

The images from Wednesday were shocking and unprecedented, but not surprising. America is generations deep into forsaking God and His standards, with each generation worse than the last. **"Who rejoice to do evil, and delight in the frowardness of the wicked."** (Proverbs 2:14). WBC has witnessed this activity firsthand, peaceably assembling to urge you to return to God for decades. The people of this nation were united in rejecting that call; they changed laws when they could and used violence when the legal process was too slow. Law enforcement was complicit on many occasions. **"I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war."** (Psalm 120:7). In the last year alone, we have seen widespread lawlessness from opposing political factions, and you should expect more in the future. Rebellion leads to more rebellion! **"That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits: [...] Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon: Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant. [...] For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not."** (Isaiah 30:9-15). Return to God and be saved!

## Repent or Perish!