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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.

Chaos and confusion continue to make headlines this week around what this country and world are simply calling “natural disasters,” “global warming,” or really anything that keeps them from having to confront the reality that all things come from the hand of God, their Creator. Fires continue to burn across the United States and Siberia, amongst others. The fire in Siberia is said to be larger than those found in the United States, Canada, Turkey, Italy, and Greece combined, covering over 62,000 square miles so far this year. That is approaching 40 million acres, while the fire in the U.S. has covered only a tenth of that area. Additionally, high temperatures, sometimes accompanied by drought conditions, continue to afflict many communities across the U.S., Asia, and Europe. Furthermore, gun violence has persisted throughout, with about 24 shootings having occurred across the U.S. so far just in August. A total of 426 incidents in the U.S. having been designated as a “mass shooting” (defined as having at least 4 victims being either killed or injured in the event) totaled 450 deaths and 1,778 injured in 2021. Even more details around this topic can be found here: (<https://www.gunviolencearchive.org/>) Meanwhile, this week, Britain experienced a “rare” mass shooting on August 12<sup>th</sup> with 6 confirmed dead. This is the deadliest shooting in England in over a decade. Finally, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti Saturday leaving nearly 1,300 dead and more than 5,700 injured. On top of the other troubles in that region, including covid, and the assassination of their president, Haiti declared a state of emergency. The arm of the Lord is not shortened! Only He can bring peace and deliver you from these acts of His wrath against you for your disobedience.

This week, the Taliban also persisted in their push towards Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, as more cities are captured by them on their journey to taking over the country like they did nearly two decades ago. The scene has been likened unto the fall of Saigon when the U.S. withdrew from Vietnam in 1975. These people know only violence and hatred for their fellow man. There is not one among them who know and fear the living God, and they are left in darkness as they push violently for their cause. Christ required that you do no violence to anyone! But these people make no attempt to follow the teachings of Christ having gone after other gods and made idols of their bellies. **“Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)” (Philippians 3:17-19)**

Moreover, who can forget the current uptick in coronavirus infections with the new strains. The selfishness of the people of this world to allow this plague to continue spreading as they disobey their masters is nothing new. You hate to be subject to anyone, like you hate to be subject to God’s law. Cases are on the rise again while vaccination rates have largely flattened. You will not be able to escape the judgments of God by your own devices.

**“Thus saith the Lord GOD; Smite with thine hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence. He that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish my fury upon them. Then shall ye know that I am the LORD, when their slain men shall be among their idols round about their altars, upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they did offer sweet savour to all their idols. So will I stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate, yea, more desolate than the wilderness toward Diblath, in all their habitations: and they shall know that I am the LORD.” (Ezekiel 6:11-14)**

## **Fear God and Keep HIS Commandments!**