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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:

Heavy rainfall and flash floods in Mississippi have stranded residents, washed away roads and cars, and derailed a train. Also, monsoon rains throughout much of Pakistan have caused almost 1,000 deaths since mid-June. Of those 1,000 deaths, 45 occurred overnight between this Friday and Saturday. At least 33 million people have been displaced. Many rescue efforts have been initiated but they’ve been struggling. What a wonderful example of the power of God. **“I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause: Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number: Who giveth rain upon the earth, and sendeth waters upon the fields:” (Job 5:8-10)** See how easy it is for the Lord to turn your lives upside down? Yet you ignore, mock, and/or question Him like He is subject to your whims. God created you, and no matter how amazing you think you are or how many of you there are, you’ll never change that fact. **“Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?” (Romans 9:20-21)** Forget your useless pride and humble yourselves before God. **“But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.” (James 4:6)**

A few days before school was scheduled to start, teachers at Ohio's largest school district voted to go on strike for better learning and teaching conditions. The strike is for higher wages and adequate training programs. It began in the wake of critical teacher shortages and low morale among educators. It was exacerbated by the pandemic, low pay, increasingly crowded classrooms, an ever-higher number of school shootings, and changing guidance on what educators are allowed to teach. Despite the strike, the school year still began with online classes run by substitutes. You should all be ashamed of yourselves; both the teachers and their bosses above them. Teachers, God put you in that subordinate position, so do your job as required and as best you are able. **“Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:” (Colossians 3:22)** Bosses, God put you in a position of authority over others. You should be helping them, guiding them, and accommodating them as needed to get the work done. Don’t take advantage of your position. **“Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.” (Colossians 4:1)**

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!