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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:

President Joe Biden marked the pseudo-Jewish festival of Hannukah this week with remarks on antisemitism and the dedication of the first official White House Menorah. The Hebrew word “Chanukah” is interpreted to English as dedication or consecration. The origins of Hannukah are a Godless fairy tale of Jewish insurrectionist retaking the second temple and ‘rededicating’ it. In their rededication one day’s worth of oil is said to have lasted eight; spawning the eight day “festival of lights” worshipped today. God did not tell you to do this. If God was with you, how did the temple become unclean? The temple was not made unclean by the Seleucids, it was already defiled by your rebellion against God. To be clear, there is no place for hard words against the covenanted people of God; our duty is to instruct unto holiness (**Romans 11, Leviticus 19:17**). Why then, oh Jews, do you suffer? If the LORD is with you, where is your temple? Where is the Glory of God that filled the Holy Place? Where is the Ark? Your priests? Your sacrifice? At the dedication of Solomon’s temple the LORD appeared unto Solomon and laid before him the blessing of obedience and the curse of rebellion: **“But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations. And this house, *which is high*, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, **Why hath the Lord done thus unto this land, and unto this house? And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them. (2nd Chronicles 7:19-22).**”**

Antisemitism is merely a product of your rebellion, but woe unto the man that the Lord would use as a rod against His people (**Isaiah 10**). You are a proverb and a byword, the butt end of every joke, at your own doing. You do not inhabit the LORD’s land because of your rebellion. You do not have a temple because of your rebellion. Your ceaseless obsession with the dirt of Israel and your traditions are the very things that keep you estranged from your God. Abraham dwelt as a stranger in tents with faith in God, not in temples and cities filled with tradition and ceremony. True worship of God is a religion of the heart not vain shows of ceremony with pomp and trinkets (**John 4:24**).

Repent! Christ, the Messiah, will return and **“In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength: For he bringeth down them *that dwell on high; the lofty city*, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, even to the ground; he bringeth it even to the dust... Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O Lord. We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen. (Isaiah 26: 1-6, 17-18).** Your worship is empty because your hearts are full of every wicked way. **“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.” (Matthew 23:25).** Righteousness is as apparent as a child being born. Judaism is nothing other than an empty shell of Hedonism. UP! Purify your hearts! Dedicate your hearts unto the Lord of Hosts and mourn for the Son of God whom you pierced.

**Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked. (Deuteronomy 10:16)**