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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:

Wildfires continue to burn across the globe. In Canada, more than 30,000 acres of wildfires burn through forests. As smoke continues to plume across the country and into nearby communities, air quality remains among the worst in the world. Also in Greece, wildfires have destroyed 463 square miles of land setting a record for the largest total area burned by wildfires in the European Union. In America, an entire town near Baton Rouge, Louisiana is under evacuation after seeing the largest wildfire in the history of the state. As of Friday morning, the blaze remains only 50% contained while neighboring states such as Texas send firefighters to help fight the unprecedented fires. These examples are the largest in volume but only represent a portion of the total wildfires reported burning across the globe. What could be attributed to unusually dry conditions and record high temperatures are only a small preview of the fire that the Lord Jesus will bring upon His return. **"For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." (Malachi 4:2)** 

"The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up." (Revelation 8:7)

Also this week, former President Donald Trump was booked in the Fulton County Jail in Atlanta, Georgia on charges of interfering with the 2020 Presidential election results. Once processed, he was released on \$200,000 bail. The arrest created a media firestorm galvanizing supporters and opponents of the former President. Whether guilty or not, a fool could see that these charges come out of a political environment full of lies and hypocrisy all while even the current President Joe Biden is suspected of being complicit in his son Hunter's alleged fraudulent business dealings. These behaviors have become business as usual in American politics. However, God's people are not taken aback by this sad situation, but rather it is to be expected in a nation of institutionalized sin. "Thy princes *are* rebellious, and companions of thieves: everyone loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them. Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies

#### " (Isaiah 1:23-24)

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!**