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Religious Opinion & Bible Commentary on Current Events

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## Signs of the Times: Shining Bible Light on Current Events

This week the Israeli military killed Yahya Sinwar, the Hamas leader and architect of the October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 attack at the Israeli music festival. The attack claimed the lives of 1,200 concert goers, and hundreds more were taken hostage. The attack brought on the current conflict between the two states. Since the attack, Israeli officials vowed to kill the Hamas leader. Being in the same country that Christ once walked, both sides have no excuse for not heeding His words regarding the conflict. **“Thou shalt not kill.” Exodus 20:13 “Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.” Matthew 26:52** However, neither side will obey His words because He has hardened their hearts, and ordained them to always be against one another. **“And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction. And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.” Genesis 16:11-12**

On Wednesday, Liam Payne, former vocalist for the band One Direction, died. Payne fell from a third floor balcony at a hotel in Buenos Aires. He was 31 years old.

The night of his death, the hotel desk manager received a call regarding a guest who appeared to have excessively consumed drugs and alcohol that was “breaking everything in the room.” The manager requested urgent assistance because the room had a balcony and hotel employees were “afraid he could do something that puts his life at risk.” It was later discovered that Payne had fallen to his death from the balcony of his third-floor room. With song and album titles like “Live While We're Young,” Payne stayed true to his message. He spent the energy of his youth in riotous living while teaching his tens of millions of impressionable fans to do the same, and he paid the price for that lifestyle.

**“ But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: Bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; But I will trust in thee.” Psalm 55:23** Liam was surely a deceitful man. Teaching his fans to sin their youth away while making hundreds of millions of dollars from it when he should have been doing the opposite. **“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;” Ecclesiastes 1:12** Those of you who would live the lifestyle that Liam did ought to take into account its certain end which is death.

**“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.” Ephesians 2:1-3**

Repent or Perish!