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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:

On Monday, February 26, a wildfire broke out in the panhandle of Texas. This fire, dubbed the Smokehouse Creek fire, has since burned more than 1 million acres, razed over 500 structures, killed two people, and continues to rage uncontained across that open cattle country. 30,000 acres of Oklahoma have also been engulfed in this inferno. It’s already a record-breaking wildfire, and the Lord only knows how far it will spread. This outpouring of the wrath of God is but an adumbration of things to come: **“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)** That fire will break all of these paltry records, and the simple solution to avoid that devastation is to repent and worship the King! But far be it from this generation to bend the knee and kiss the Son: **“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure... Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.” (Psalm 2:1-5, 12)**

To the west, a massive snowstorm is hammering the Sierra Nevada’s. Upwards of 10 feet of snow is expected. A 50-mile stretch of I-80 is closed, along with Yosemite National Park and several ski resorts. People have been advised not to travel in these extreme blizzard conditions. This comes after weeks of California receiving record rainfall. Will this deter persistent rebels, and cause them to stop and consider their ways? We hope that some would be given eyes to see and a heart to understand and connect the nonstop rebellion to the nonstop punishments! **“And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.” (Isaiah 6:9)** No amount of planning or declaring states of emergency will protect the enemies of our King in that day, when they will insist the mountains and rocks should fall on them: **“And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?” (Revelation 6:14-17)**

A short distance to the north, the lawmakers of Oregon were given to see a little light from where they’ve buried their heads in the sand and passed a law to recriminalize the use of hard drugs in their state. Back in 2020, Oregon decriminalized the use of all hard drugs, hoping that if they left the decisions up to the people, and slapped a fine on them instead of imprisoning them for possession and use of illegal substances, then they would just do the right thing and clean up their act... And to nobody’s surprise, that spectacularly backfired! Overdose deaths rose by 241% between 2020 and 2022! The standard of God is clear on this matter. Hear it and obey: **“Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.” (Exodus 22:18)** To alleviate any confusion, the word witch in this verse is not referring to an ugly woman in black clothes who flies on a broomstick. A witch is anyone who wheels and deals in mind altering substances – the consequences of allowing that behavior to persist in your society are on full display in every major city across the United States!

**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!