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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 its people! Let’s view some of this week’s judgments from the proper perspective:

On Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, the 2018 Winter Olympics began in PyeongChang, South Korea. This event brings together the “physically elite” of the world, to celebrate their skill and national pride. These athletes have been raised to believe that their physical fitness and prowess are of the utmost importance. The truth of the matter is that, **“bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.” (1 Timothy 4:8)** They have gained a mouthpiece by reason of the skill provided them by their Creator, which can be showcased by athletes like Lindsey Vonn making headlines due to her comments on President Donald Trump. She, and others, could be using this microphone to the public that they possess to call the world to repent and pray that the Lord will spare them and forgive them. What a waste of this opportunity they were handed. To make matters worse, the athletes further showcase their lack of morality by turning these Olympic gatherings into romping grounds. For the past several iterations of the Olympic Games, the organizers of the games handed out contraceptives to the athletes “in order to reduce the spread of STDs.” Instead of enforcing any modicum of regulation on these young men and women, they endorse and encourage rampant fornication! **“Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.” (1 Corinthians 6:18)** Shame on the parents that have refused to require their children to learn the standard of their Creator; and shame on the athletes who would rather enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season than suffer affliction with the people of God **(Hebrews 11:25)**. Remember young people, **“For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away.” (1 Peter 1:24)** One day, the strength of your youth will fail you, and in your old age, you will ask why your parents did not train you up in the way that you should go. **(Proverbs 22:6)**

This week, more and worse was brought on at the hand of the Lord by the flu. The CDC is reporting that this flu season is not yet in its peak, but it is already breaking records. At this point, at least sixty-three pediatric deaths have been flu related. The experts have no explanation as to why this flu season seems to be so prolific. Experts indeed. **“Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.” (Romans 1:22)** There is a simple answer, which does not take an expert to determine: **“Behold, with a great plague will the LORD smite thy people, and they children, and thy wives, and all thy goods.” (2 Chronicles 21:14)** The Lord has predestinated all things, including the microscopic influenza virus; and He alone can cure you of the sickness He brought upon you, if He should so choose. Thank God in all things **(Ephesians 5:20)**.

Also this week, Wall Street has seen massive fluctuations in stock prices. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed the week at just over 1,100 points below the price at which it opened on Monday. This volatility comes after the new tax bill, passed in December of 2017, caused fear of an increase in interest rates. Wall Street represents a center of greed and the love of money in the world **(1 Timothy 6:10)**. Truly, the society we live in is comprised of people who know no contentedness. The idea of being satisfied with what is before you is entirely foreign in the society of constant consumption in which we live. **“Better is an handful with quietness, than both the hands full with travail and vexation of spirit.” (Ecclesiastes 4:6)** The Lord has set this nation on a course to be pickled in her sins, and her destruction comes on her. Panic surrounding the loss of their precious dollar is just an adumbration of the panic that soon will grip mankind as the events of the Revelation of Jesus Christ take all of the comforts enjoyed by mankind from this life. Repent while there is yet time!

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!