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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:

Throughout this last week, over 60 blazes have spread across the northern reaches of Sweden, as well as parts of Norway, Finland, and Russia. Sweden has sought help from neighboring countries as it works to stave off fires, some of which are north of the Arctic Circle. This is the largest fire in the country’s history and has destroyed about 77 square miles of forest and has cost an estimated 600 million kronor (almost \$68 million) in damages. Hundreds of people were evacuated from their homes due to the ensuing fires, however, no fatalities have been reported as of this time which is a mercy from God worthy of all praise, especially for a country that has propped up the homosexual agenda and has been known for its acceptance of this filthy sin. Instead of calling for help from the equally filthy nations around you for aide, it would be beneficial for you to put away your mighty sinning before the Lord and come unto Him for forgiveness. We are commanded to warn our neighbors that **“there is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.” (Isaiah 57:21)**. The very next chapter shows this. **“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins. Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.” (Isaiah 58:1-2)** These are not nations that do righteousness! You are heading right back to the ways of Sodom and Gomorrah where they proudly supported the sin of homosexuality, amongst every other sin, directly to their destruction.

Also this week, Israel has continued to disregard that command from God, given to them in the Law of Moses and reiterated in the New Testament, to love their neighbors. **“Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.” (Leviticus 19:17)** After members of Hamas and the Islamic Jihad fired over two hundred projectiles toward Israel, who retaliated with airstrikes, last Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, a ceasefire had been signed between Gaza and Israel. Not even a week later, on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, fighting broke out on the border ending with the ceasefire being reinstated Saturday after a few more Palestinians and Israelis lost their lives. **“Thus saith the Lord GOD; This is Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her. And she hath changed my judgments into wickedness more than the nations, and my statutes more than the countries that are round about her: for they have refused my judgments and my statutes, they have not walked in them. Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye multiplied more than the nations that are round about you, and have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my judgments, neither have done according to the judgments of the nations that are round about you; Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, am against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations. And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abominations.” (Ezekiel 5:5-9)**

On Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, a severe storm in the middle of the United States caused a duck boat to capsize on Table Rock Lake outside Branson, Missouri. 17 people died, ranging in age from 1 to 76 years old. 9 of the victims were members of the same family. Although this world loves to pass these events off as acts of “Mother Nature,” that is just another one of Satan’s devices to blind the inhabitants of this world so that they don’t see the hand of God in these works. He alone commands these events and is the sole author of our existence and did create all things for His own good will and pleasure, thus, He should be given glory for these events! **“Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly. I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.” (Jeremiah 23:19-24)** There is only one true living God and He is a God at hand. He knows the thoughts and intents of the hearts of every person and just judgment will be executed upon everyone for their wicked deeds. Therefore, you must repent, and pray for mercy!

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!