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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 Tuesday, October 16th, Stephen Hawking’s final book was published. Hawking, known for the brilliant mind the Lord gave him, died on March 14th of this year, at the age of 76. He lived far past the average life expectancy of a person under the affliction of the neurodegenerative disorder known as ALS. This final book was completed by Hawking’s family and contains his resounding conclusion: “There is no God. No one directs the universe.” By the words of his mouth, the wisdom of Stephen Hawking is known: **“The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.” (Psalm 14:1a) “O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.” (Matthew 12:34)** Hawking also printed this in his book “For centuries, it was believed that disabled people like me were living under a curse that was inflicted by God, I prefer to think that everything can be explained another way, by the laws of nature.” Stephen Hawking knows the truth of the matter now. The Lord blessed this man with a mind for reasoning and knowledge, and rather than thank the Lord for the mercy that was, he cursed the Lord for taking away his mobility and took to professing himself wise. **“Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.” (Romans 1:22).**

On Friday, October 19th, a commuter train crashed through a crowd of people attending the Dussehra festival in northern India, killing at least 59. This is the worst commuter train disaster in India this year. Dussehra is a Hindu festival that includes the burning of large effigies of a 10-headed demon, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil. Too bad Hinduism is nothing but rank idolatry. The standard of God is **“thou shalt have no other gods before me.” (Exodus 20:3)**. The people of India, in their folly, have long been engrossed in the false practices of Hinduism, preferring the vain imaginations of men to the laws of God. **“And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” (Genesis 6:5)** The wrath of God is poured out, but there are none on the scene who attribute this tragic situation to the Lord who alone holds the breath of life: **“See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.” (Deuteronomy 32:39)** Repent and turn to the Lord while you still draw breath.

On Tuesday, October 2nd, journalist Jamal Khashoggi entered the Saudi consulate in Istanbul and never exited the building. His fiancée, who was waiting for him in a car outside the consulate, reported that he was missing to Turkish authorities. Saudi Arabian officials initially denied any involvement in the disappearance of Jamal Khashoggi. It has since been reported that Jamal’s smartwatch was recording audio during the time he was in the consulate. The audio tells a story of Jamal being ambushed by Saudi operatives, tortured, dismembered, and subsequently killed because of his vocal anti-Saudi political stance. The inhabitants of Saudi Arabia are descendants of Ishmael, which Scripture says this about: **“And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man’s hand against him.” (Genesis 16:12)** Like father like son. Saudi Arabian officials now claim Jamal was killed in the consulate as the result of a brawl that broke out. The hue and cry that has arisen from the officials of several countries across the globe is for the return of the remains of Jamal, and for the Saudi government to have complete transparency regarding Jamal’s killing. It is apparent that those in power in Saudi Arabia have forgotten several crucial aspects of the law of God including: **“Thou shalt not kill.” (Exodus 20:13)** This appears to be an act of vengeance, and vengeance does not belong to man, but to God: **“To me belongeth vengeance, and recompence; their foot shall slide in due time.” (Deuteronomy 32:35)**

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!