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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

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 Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, Hurricane Dorian became the strongest Category 5 hurricane to make landfall on the Bahamas. Dorian stayed in that area for about 48 hours, because part of the pressure that was steering it towards the United States collapsed. Over one 24-hour period, the storm moved only 25 miles. **“Behold, the whirlwind of the LORD goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked. The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have done it, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it.” (Jeremiah 30:23-24).** The hurricane did vast amounts of damage to the islands while it was there. People entering the affected areas of the country described a strong “smell of death.” Many neighborhoods were underwater, homes were flattened such that 70,000 are now homeless, and 43 people were killed. The death toll is expected to rise, because hundreds of people are still missing. The Bahaman Health Minister said that the public should prepare for “unimaginable information about the death toll and the human suffering.” After leaving the Bahamas, Dorian made landfall in North Carolina on September 5<sup>th</sup> at Category 1 intensity. It created massive flooding, spawned several tornadoes, and killed 2 people. Dorian then moved up towards Canada, making landfall in Nova Scotia on September 7<sup>th</sup> with wind speeds equivalent to a Category 2 hurricane, knocking out power for hundreds of thousands of people. Fear God and obey Him. **“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.” (2 Corinthians 5:10-11).** The United States was largely spared from the more destructive effects of the storm. They/we should not take this lightly or for granted, but repent while there is time. **“And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.” (Luke 21:34-36).** The people of the Bahamas should look to Daniel's prayer on how they should see this catastrophic event. **“As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth. Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.” (Daniel 9:13-14).**

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!**