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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:

This week supplied its share of rebellion against the Creator because **"...Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."** (Matthew 6:34) Scripture spoke about these things before this week happened. It still does. Christ's Word is the same yesterday, today, and forever and there is nothing new under the sun.

In Seattle on Sunday, July 26th, gunfire broke out from at least three shooters at the Bite of Seattle festival near the Space Needle. Three people were killed, including one of the gunmen, with four more wounded. **"Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace."** (Isaiah 59:7-8)

Meanwhile in Canada, France, and Spain there are ongoing wildfires which have forced more than 330,000 people from their homes. Over a hundred forest fires blaze across Canada. In France, a blaze near Bordeaux burned an area four times the size of Paris; President Macron called it the country's worst fire crisis since World War II. In Spain, a fire near Ávila became the largest in the nation's history, and the country has now burned six times the land it had by this point last year. Other natural disaster ordained by God's providence include a magnitude 7 earthquake near Uto, Japan and off the coast of Puerto Madero, Mexico amongst several other magnitude 5 and 6 range quakes around the globe. **"The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed."** (See blessings for those who listen to God's voice and curses for those who won't in Deuteronomy 28.)

In Grand Haven Township, Michigan, last Friday, July 24th, Kristopher Karolkiewicz shot and killed his wife and their six children, ages 5 to 15, then set the house on fire and killed himself. Investigators said it is a tragedy they "may never completely understand." **"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings."** (Jeremiah 17:9-10) **"These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him... hands that shed innocent blood."** (Proverbs 6:16-17) Though we may not know the hearts of our fellow man, God does and He will judge you for not just every vain and wicked thought, but even the imagination of the thought of it. (Genesis 6:5)

Finally, in the Strait of Hormuz and Kuwait this week Iran struck two oil tankers moving under U.S. military escort and launched drone strikes on a U.S. air base in Kuwait; Kuwait says it intercepted them. The U.S. Senate again voted down, 49-50, an effort to limit President Trump's authority to continue the war, now in its sixth month. **"Ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars... for nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom."** (Matthew 24:6-7) **"From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?"** (James 4:1)

"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." (Psalm 9:17)