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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 central Europe was swept with floods that affected Germany, Belgium, and the Netherlands. With Germany being the hardest hit, the death toll has reached over 160 people, with an estimated 1,300 people missing. Caused by days of heavy rains, cars and homes were swept away as overflowing rivers led to excessive flooding. Many compare the disaster to Hurricane Katrina. The flooding was quickly blamed on climate change, and led to a demand for action to be taken against it. Humans arrogantly believe that they have the power to affect the course of nature, yea, even God! The truth is that they have no control over these matters, but God brought the flood! **“Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up: also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth. With him is strength and wisdom: the deceived and the deceiver are his.” (Job 12:15-16)**

Riots continue in Cuba, and South Africa. On July 11th protests erupted in Cuba against the Communist Cuban government. The unrest is said to be caused by the lack of supply of food and medicine to the Cuban population. At least one person is dead as a result of the protests and riots. The uprising had a cascading effect in the United States causing protests throughout the country among anti-government groups.

On Friday July 9th riots broke out in South Africa. These riots continued through last week. As a result, so far 225 people have died, and over 3,000 have been arrested. The riots are said to be a result of former President Zuma’s arrest for corruption. While they are said to have been sparked by pro Zuma protestors, some say that criminal elements as well as looters are the driving force behind the continuation of the riots. Over half of the South African population lives in poverty, and the unemployment rate is 32%. As a result of the riots, police have lost control of the population. 45,000 businesses have been affected, supply lines cut off, and basic services suspended. **“For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right. For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD. Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.” (Jeremiah 32:10-12)**

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!