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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:

Tuesday, December 12th, was the start of the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. Hanukkah lasts 8 days and celebrates the rededication of the rebuilt Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem after the Jews retook the Temple from the Seleucid Empire in a violent revolt in 200 B.C. This is significant in illuminating the headspace of Jews today. Many Jews believe they have a claim to the Temple Mount and Jerusalem, which is divided between Israelis and Palestinians; they are not above using military force to enforce this claim. Truthfully, God gave them that land and also took that land from them as a matter of fact because of their rejection of Him. The idea of taking it back by human strength is folly and reminiscent of **Numbers 14**. When the Israelites originally spied out the land of Canaan for to conquer it, they did not trust God to deliver it to them from the Canaanites. So, God commanded that no one of age 20 or older would be able to enter that land (except Caleb and Joshua). The Israelites then thought they could change God's mind by disobeying Him and charging into Canaan. It did not end well. **"Then the Amalekites came down, and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, even unto Hormah." (Numbers 14:41-45)**

On Tuesday, December 12th, the voters of Alabama had to decide between Roy Moore (R) and Doug Jones (D) in a U.S. Senate election. Moore is a man who has been accused by multiple women of having dated or sexually assaulted them when they were minors as young as age 14. Jones, who won the election, is a man who believes a woman should have unfettered access to murder her unborn baby; he told MSNBC, "I'm not in favor of anything that is going to infringe on a woman's right and her freedom to choose. That's just the position that I've had for many years. It's a position I continue to have." (As an aside, please juxtapose this country's devastation over the Sandy Hook massacre referenced in the next paragraph and its rabid insistence on being able to murder unborn children). Oh, Alabama, how you have erred from sound Biblical instruction! **"Take you wise men, and understanding, and known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you." (Deuteronomy 1:13)** This did not happen by coincidence; it is highly unlikely that there are any wise men of understanding in Alabama (or any state) to choose from. **"Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." (Matthew 15:14)** This is not a good indicator for the current state and future of the country. **"For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed." (Isaiah 9:16)** Repent and seek leaders who do the same.

Thursday, December 14th, was the fifth anniversary of the massacre of 20 children and 6 staff members at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. The anniversary was marked by vigils, memorials, and an outpouring of media retrospectives and interviews with those affected by the horrendous event. Most, if not all, of these pieces from the press bemoan the lack of movement on gun control legislation in order to prevent future shootings. It is clear from all of this that this nation is utterly consumed by the secondary cause of the massacre (the murderer and his guns) and not the primary cause - God Almighty! The Lord is the one who sends wicked agents to execute judgement upon His creation. **"O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation. I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets." (Isaiah 10:5-6)** When it is in God's will, these agents lack mercy for even children. **"Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones against the stones." (Psalm 137:9)** Look to God as the cause of your woes, and change your sinful behavior accordingly, that you might have a hope of respite from tragic destruction.

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!