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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 Thursday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, a fire broke out in an apartment building in the Bronx. The blaze became New York’s deadliest in more than twenty-five years, as it consumed the lives of at least twelve- including four children. The fire broke out in a first-floor apartment, after a three-year-old boy was playing with a stove. The Lord is in command. It is to Him that you should look when His wrath is poured out. **“Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?” (Amos 3:6)** New York has long sat at the forefront of the American stage, engaging in all manner of filthy life practices in stark opposition to the Lord who created them. **“Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?” (Luke 13:4)** Turn from your self-worshipping practices, and serve the King of all things!

On Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, many of the occupants of this world celebrated their highest of holy days. Let there be no mistake about it- Christmas is pagan idolatry (**Jeremiah 10:2-4**). There is no connection between Christmas and Christ. **“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” (Exodus 20:3)** **“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened...And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;”(Romans 1:21, 28)** When society turns away from God, the Creator and Author of all things, and serves other gods, all semblance of morality goes out the window. The evidence of God’s power and creation are all around us. For grand examples of this, please take the time to read Job 38 and 39. On the contrary, the idols of every sort that man produces throughout all ages are as described thoroughly in the book of Isaiah: **“He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest: he planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish it. Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto. He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth himself, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire: And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god. They have not known nor understood: for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand. And none considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?” (Isaiah 44:14-19)** The Lord made the commandment regarding idols clear: **“Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me” (Exodus 20:5).** There are no holidays established for the New Testament church in Scripture, and to make it out like these high feast days are commanded of the Lord is to **“add unto these things”** and therefore **“God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book.” (Revelation 22:18)** The only hope for this generation is to turn to the Lord as Nineveh did in the time of Jonah. (**Jonah 3:6-10**)

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!