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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 Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, National Geographic released an article about black and white twin sisters stating that it will “make us rethink everything we know about race.” However, the Lord made one race, humanity, starting with one man, Adam. **“For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?” (1 Corinthians 4:7)** There is only one trait with any eternal significance: whether you are a vessel fitted for destruction—reprobate, or a vessel of His mercy—elect. **(Romans 9:17-23)**

On Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, Stephen Hawking passed away, and like all men who deny the existence of God, was cast into eternal torment. Atheism is but a shallow façade for your hatred towards your Creator. It’s not that you don’t believe God exists, but rather your “god” is yourself. **“Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.” (Romans 1:25)** Stricken with the affliction of ALS, Hawking refused to submit himself to his King. Though he was given time to repent, he grew more blasphemous with each breath he drew. **“Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.” (Ecclesiastes 8:11)** Your duty is to obey and give God the glory. **“The LORD’S voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it.” (Micah 6:9)** Hawking was presented with many awards in his lifetime, none of which had any true value. **(Matthew 6:16)** Consider the following: **“Keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:” (1 Timothy 6:20)** His whole life was spent in a desperate attempt to use ‘science’ to try and make God not real to squelch his tormented spirit. **“The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.” (Psalm 14:1)** He also put away his wife for another and then did away with her as well. **“Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.” (Malachi 2:14-15)** Time would fail us to lay out the many sins of this man, but they are all eternally and perfectly recorded for him to give an answer for when he is made accountable in that great and terrible day of judgment.

Also, on Wednesday, the morally destitute youth of this country displayed their pride and faithlessness with the National School Walkout in protest of gun violence. They have no fear of God or belief that He can protect them. This generation walks in the light of their own sparks. Your response should have been **“[a]nd after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such deliverance as this; Should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping? O LORD God of Israel, thou art righteous: for we remain yet escaped, as it is this day: behold, we are before thee in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before thee because of this.” (Ezra 9:13-15)** Read Proverbs 1:24-33 to see how God will deal with you for continuing to disobey Him, as well as how He will treat you if you turn unto Him for deliverance.

Finally, throughout the week, many other manifestations of God’s wrath against this disobedient generation were poured out. The remains of a young girl were found; two children were killed in their sleep; a nanny slew the children she was given charge over; a 12-year old hung himself over bullying due to his sexual orientation; an ex-marine stabbed an army reservist 44 times; a bridge collapsed killing six in Miami; etc., etc. These all fulfil the promise that God delivered in Psalm 9:15-20.

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!