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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, August 23rd, an article was released in the Jewish Journal written by Steven Windmueller entitled “When is a Place No longer ‘Good for the Jews?’” The article outlines various events and happenings which lead to the ousting of Jews from nations throughout history. Windmueller ends the article listing seven conditions he believes define the status or current state of Jews in a nation. This article demonstrates the fact that the Jews know the prophecies of the Lord. They know there will be a new temple and that they will be returned to their home, but they are blinded and believe they can force it with their own works. The reason the Jews are constantly at war with the other nations and universally hated, as pointed out in the article, is because of the curse of God given unto them for their faithlessness. Furthermore, with the Trump Administration’s acknowledgement of Jerusalem being the capital of Israel earlier this year and decision announced Friday August 31st to cut funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) both adding fuel to the brewing Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the Middle East, it looks more and more like the world is being prepared for the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ spoken of in His Revelation. **“Notwithstanding the children rebelled against me: they walked not in my statutes, neither kept my judgments to do them, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; they polluted my sabbaths: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness. Nevertheless I withdrew mine hand, and wrought for my name’s sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen, in whose sight I brought them forth. I lifted up mine hand unto them also in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the heathen, and disperse them through the countries; Because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers’ idols.” (Ezekiel 20:21-24)** Blessed are they whom the Lord chooses to give a spirit of meekness and fear to know their gross sins committed against Him and His law and calls them forth to be joint heirs with Christ our savior with the other 144,000. **“And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.” (Revelation 7:1-4)**

This week, the CDC released data revealing that the occurrence of STDs is on the rise in America. This is the second year in a row after 2017 saw 2.3 million cases diagnosed – over 200,000 more than 2016. “Experts” point to various factors which may be contributing to this epidemic, such as less frequent use of contraceptives and the inclusion of dating apps such as Tinder. However, the cause is clear. Just like the Lord plagued the Philistines with the hemorrhoids after they stole the ark of God from Israel (**1 Samuel 5 & 6**), smote Egypt with pestilence and other plagues (**Exodus 7 – 12**), and killed many for their sin of fornication at Baal-peor (**Numbers 25 & Joshua 22:16-19**), He has sent this and every other disease, natural disaster, and affliction upon this world for their gross hatred for His word and His people. Deuteronomy 28 makes it very clear starting at verse 15 with an extensive list of affliction: **“But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: ... The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed...” (Deuteronomy 28:15-68)**

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!