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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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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 on March 15<sup>th</sup>, the anniversary of the Syrian civil war passed. They have spent 9 years killing each other and letting each other die through weather and starvation. The reason the war started and has continued, whether because of greed, lust, pride, or any of the other sins that you love, is irrelevant when you consider the plain commands of the almighty God. Thou shalt not kill. (Exodus 20:13) It is not your job to settle disputes through killing or other acts of aggression. God claims the responsibility of acting out vengeance. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. (Romans 12:19) Instead of letting your pride and anger rule you, it is plainly stated that you should forgive one another, or you will not be forgiven. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. (Mark 11:25-26)

Also, this week the coronavirus has continued to spread quickly across the nation of America and this world. The total number of Covid-19 cases throughout the world is rapidly approaching 350,000. California, the most populous state in America, has ordered its residents to stay home to prevent the spread. California's actions were soon followed by Connecticut, Illinois and New York. Actions such as this have caused the economy to take a big hit with the virus putting pressure on many businesses and supply chains throughout the world. Also, at least two members of the US Congress have been infected with the virus, and many lawmakers have self-quarantined. Have you received the message yet? The Lord is angry, and he is punishing you all for your proud, blatant sin against him. "And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible" (Isaiah 13:11). Your only hope is to repent, obey the Lord, and keep his commandments. Only then will he show mercy. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. (Exodus 33:19) Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations. (Deuteronomy 7:9)

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!