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### JUDGMENT BY NATURAL EVENTS

Joshua chapter 10 tells of a confederation of five pagan kings that made war against Gibeon. Joshua came to the aid of Gibeon. He routed them and slew a great number of them. As the remaining army was fleeing from Joshua, the LORD sent large hailstones down upon them. More were killed by the hailstones than were killed by Joshua's army.

Many times, we have seen how God uses events of nature to bring judgment. It still happens today. However, most people today do not equate such natural disaster to be God's judgment. Yet, we find this to occur throughout the bible. Since God "changes not," we can rest assured God still often works that way today.

It could be with fire. Is it possible that God brought judgment on California with fires near Hollywood and Los Angeles which destroyed thousands of acres, including homes of several movie stars? Is it possible that God brought judgment through a devastating hurricane like Helene? God uses nature to bring judgment, just like He also uses people. Unfortunately, often the innocent are also affected by these kinds of happenings.

When such devastating natural events come, where is your safest place? It is right in the center of His will! Pray much. Take time to silently meditate upon Him during your prayer time. The Holy Spirit will guide you and keep you safe from any great harm.