

**News and Current Events :: What is hurricane Jose?****What is hurricane Jose? - posted by TMK (), on: 2017/9/17 16:01**

If Irma was judgment, what is Jose, which is expected to stay out of sea?

It seems a tad unfair (and a cop out) to say weather events that cause damage are judgments but then ignore the ones (which exceed the former in number) that do no damage.

**Re: What is hurricane Jose? - posted by mguldner (), on: 2017/9/18 9:01**

Still God's judgment, think of the poor fish that are in the path of Jose.

Perhaps those that claim weather events to be God's judgment will say Jose missing land is God's Mercy...

My wife tells me time and time again assume positive intent and with God His reason for letting things happen is always in benefit to those that love Him. I went and helped with clean up after Hurricane Katrina hit and it was amazing to hear the stories of people that say it was a good thing. They said the streets were run with drug dealers and gangs but after the storm those people left and didn't come back.

The waters of the hurricane actually cleansed the city.

Anyways I don't think we will ever truly be able to understand or know the reason why God does things on this side of eternity but I can rest in knowing that the God we serve is Good and Righteous.

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2017/9/18 9:12**

What is Hurricane Jose? It's another Hurricane....What is Hurricane Maria?

**Hurricane Maria, on: 2017/9/18 9:23**

I heard there is another hurricane forming called Hurricane Maria that will batter Caribbean again... :' (

Let us pray for this that God have mercy...

**Re: What is hurricane Jose? - posted by savannah, on: 2017/9/18 10:32**

Whatever conclusions you may come to, none can argue with chapter 37 of the book of Job.

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2017/9/18 11:58**

Based on Job 37 one must wonder if God is affected by "climate change."

**Re: climate change - posted by savannah, on: 2017/9/18 12:08**

I don't think you are serious, but just to be sure, I'll ask, you don't think that God is affected by climate change do you?

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2017/9/18 12:29**

Haha- hardly!

**Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2017/9/18 12:57**

God is in the climate change. Jesus was hanging out in a boat and He tells the storm to shush and the disciples were like "Woah Jesus is God." (Matt Paraphrase)

**Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiiss (), on: 2017/9/18 15:17**

When I hear of stories of judgment and how divine judgment is attributed to natural phenomenon (e.g., storms, diseases, etc.), I can't help but think that God is not confined to the order of nature. He certainly can direct it and bypass the natural laws that he built into this world. However, I also think that God often supersedes those laws.

I've always heard people pointing at storms, stars, comets and disasters. I've often thought that it would be much more in dicting as "judgment" if those things didn't follow the laws of nature. The "star of Bethlehem" apparently didn't follow the laws of physics. If a hurricane ignored the predictions of weathermen or scientists and behaved in a way that was contrary to what experts believe, then it might be more believable as a "sign." If an earthquake occurred in a place where there was no fault, it would seem more thought-provoking.

I'm not saying that God cannot, does not or will not use natural phenomenon to capture the attention of believers or non-believers. God can use anything to provoke the hearts of men. However, it is a wicked and an adulterous generation looks for signs and follows after them. False attributions of judgment from natural phenomenon might be no different from ancient Greeks attributing star formations (constellations) as supernatural entities or signs.

We should always preach with a message of "flee from the wrath to come." However, the ultimate wrath isn't a hurricane, storm, fire or cancer diagnosis. The ultimate judgment is the one in which each individual will stand before God and give an account. That judgment and its verdict cannot be escaped -- other than to have one's name written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

We should be careful about following after signs and announcing them as "judgment." After all, would we really want to bear false witness against the one true Living God? Consider the words from the book of I Kings:

"The Lord said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.'

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind.

After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake.

After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

I Kings 19:11-13 (NIV)

**ultimate judgment, on: 2017/9/19 12:41**

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Amen...

**Re: ultimate judgment - posted by TMK (), on: 2017/9/19 14:19**

So it looks like Maria is going to hammer Puerto Rico and other Caribbean islands but probably spin off and not hit the U S.

God must be pretty mad at the Caribbean.

Why isn't Iceland being punished?

Or maybe it's just weather.

**Re: maybe...maybe not! - posted by savannah, on: 2017/9/19 21:23**

Todd,

You ask many a question! For example, "Why isn't Iceland being punished?" You also make statements such as, "Or maybe it's just weather." Just weather?

I had the following question for you from another thread.

Todd,

Please tell me what or who is NOT under God's control. I know from the book of Job that Satan is under His control. Again, is there anything or anyone that is NOT under God's control.

And also,

Re:Â sinners and circumstances; can God,

- 1) Kill
- 2) Prevent
- 3) Turn
- 4) Change
- 5) Control

...them all.

I ask, if your child were drowning, and I stood by the pool and watched, and your child drowned, when I, a good swimmer was very capable of rescuing your child, what would you think of me?

Many such scenarios might be brought forward to negate your logic in assuming that one makes God to be a monster if He does or doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank).

**Re: 2X - posted by savannah, on: 2017/9/22 9:39**

Todd,

I realize you began this thread, and I also realize that you are under no obligation to answer any questions.

Yet, I was just wondering if you intended to reply to the question I asked re: anything or anyone NOT under God's control.

Thanks

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2017/9/22 9:55**

Let's just say that our def of God's sovereignty is pretty different.

**Re: def - posted by savannah, on: 2017/9/22 10:47**

Thanks for replying Todd.