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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 Friday, at least four armed men attacked civilian concertgoers in Moscow, Russia's Crocus concert hall. The men opened fire on those in attendance and used explosives which set the venue ablaze. The attack left at least 133 people dead, and many wounded. Four suspects were detained as they attempted to cross the border into Ukraine at a location that Russian President Vladimir Putin claimed was a "window" that was opened for them. Ukrainian officials denied this claim. Russian media has reported the men are citizens of Tajikistan which is a former Soviet country that is mostly Muslim, but also remains tied to Russia with 1.5 million citizens (about the population of West Virginia) working in Russia, many of those having Russian citizenship. Also, the terrorist group ISIS has claimed responsibility for the attack. In a region already torn by war, all participants would do well to listen to Christ's words on taking up arms against your enemies. "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword." Matthew 26:52 "For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness." Isaiah 59:3

Also, this week Kate Middleton, the Princess of Wales, announced that she has been diagnosed with cancer. The announcement followed weeks of speculation about Middleton's condition after reports of hospitalization. This news was preceded by two other members of the Royal Family being recently diagnosed with cancer. When affliction comes to you and your family, the Bible is clear on the perspective that you ought to take on such a serious matter of life and death. "See now that I, even I, am He, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand." Deuteronomy 32:39 God is the cause and the cure of disease in any human whether in a high position or low. When met with such an affliction one ought to fully acknowledge this fact and seek Him in sackcloth and ashes. Daniel 9:3-5 Ecclesiastes 9:1-3

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)