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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, the war in Israel continued to rage. Nearly 4,000 people have died in the week since Hamas executed its surprise assault on Israel, and those numbers will only continue to grow. Israel has issued a warning to the residents of the northern Gaza Strip to evacuate before they launch a ground assault on the area. The land they’ve identified as being in their sights for this ground assault contains 1.1 million people, and Israel has given them a mere 24 hours to evacuate. Hamas is reportedly attempting to stop those same residents from fleeing, as their battle tactics involve using civilians as cover. **“They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the LORD: but such as are upright in their way are his delight.” (Proverbs 11:20)** **“But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.” (Psalm 55:23)** The developments in this war come at an astonishing speed, and the only thing that is coming at a faster pace is the slew of lies and misinformation regarding these events available for public consumption via traditional and social media. **“And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.” (Matthew 24:6)** For those who have their eyes and hearts attuned to watching for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, take a look at the national response to the outbreak of war. Despite multiple calls to do so, the United Nations refused to condemn the Hamas attacks that kickstarted this war. In those initial hours, nearly 700 people died. Yet, when Israel declared war in response, those actions were condemned by the U.N. Let it be clear what the Scriptural standard is amidst all of this death and destruction: **“Thou shalt not kill.” (Exodus 20:13)** **“For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee. The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity. Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.” (Psalm 5:4-6)** **“[F]or it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.” (Romans 12:19)** Whether the U.N. condemns your actions or not, the killing that is reaching a fever pitch is wrong in the eyes of God, and God will judge it! Across the world, the people of many nations are marching in protest for Israel to end their attack on Gaza – advice that Israel will not heed to her own undoing. In the wake of this war, it becomes easier to see where the powers of the world truly stand in relation to these verses: **“But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: AND THE HOLY CITY SHALL THEY TREAD UNDER FOOT FORTY AND TWO MONTHS.” (Revelation 11:2)** **“Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.” (Zechariah 14:1-2)** Israel need only take responsibility for her worst crime – the killing of the Son of God – and those believing souls will be saved.

A stone’s throw away from the turmoil and mess in Israel and Gaza, Afghanistan has been rocked by several high-magnitude earthquakes in the last week. The first came on October 7th and claimed the lives of more than 2,000 people, 90+% of which were women and children. In the morning hours of October 15th, two more earthquakes rocked the same region, and although initial reports show the death toll is low, Afghanistan does not have the infrastructure to support the poverty-stricken people who have lost everything to these quakes. All around us, the outpourings of the wrath of Almighty God are apparent and potent. **“He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.” (Psalm 2:4)** Obedience to His commandments and belief on the Lord Jesus are the remedies to the problems that ail this churning, dying world.

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!