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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. Let's view some of this week's judgments from the proper perspective:

In the Middle East, Israel continues to strangle Gaza with a blockade, cutting the people off from much needed supplies and resources, forcing the Gazans to conditions of starvation. Consider the scripture.

And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you. And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this? Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you. (Judges 2:1-3)

To Israel: your fathers had the chance to do their duty toward God and annihilate the Canaanites, but in characteristic Jew fashion they decided to do whatever they felt like doing. In like manner today, the Jews presume in their hearts to right that wrong without any regard to the command of God, His Son, or to their own prophets that God sent them in His mercy. See how they hypocritically use the holocaust (a sore hardship brought about by their continual rebellion against God) to justify doing the same thing to the Gazans? In the providence of God these last 80 years, the Jews have succeeded time and again in thwarting violent, sophisticated efforts to destroy them as they have maintained dubious, tenuous occupation of the land that is modern day Israel. But to whom do they give the glory for these supposed victories? They arrogate the glory of God to their military might, strategic acuity, and political acumen! They do this all the while ignoring the God who appointed these various rods in the first place. This is a grave miscalculation!

Thine heart shall meditate terror. Where is the scribe? where is the receiver? where is he that counted the towers? (Isaiah 33:18)

Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine! Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand. The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet: And the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, and as the hasty fruit before the summer; which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up. In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people, And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate. But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment. For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean. (Isaiah 28:1-8)

Every single one of their apparent victories (from 1948, to the "6 Days War" of 1967, to their mass starvation of the Gazans right now) are mere steps along a providential path to bring them to the God-promised destruction, and the deliverance of the promised remnant that will return and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (*Zechariah 14:2-3*).

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*)

Repent or Perish!