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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:

- An Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo is spreading quicker than the response to it can contain while fear of the virus spreading further intensifies due to overcrowded camps for displaced people, poor conditions, and limited supplies. The number of suspected Ebola cases is now more than 1,000 with at least 246 deaths. Neighboring Uganda has reported nine confirmed cases and one death.
- In southern Washington state, a chemical tank imploded at a pulp and paper mill causing the death of 11 people.
- Five gold miners were rescued after being trapped for over a week in a flooded cave in Laos following flash floods. Meanwhile, rescue teams continue to search for two men that remain missing.
- On Thursday, a Blue Origin rocket exploded during a ground test in Cape Canaveral, Florida. There were no casualties.
- A suspect was arrested in Hawaii almost three days after the first of three elderly men were killed.

In typical human fashion, these events are portrayed as being all about them. No recognition that these events and the lives of all involved are in the hands of the only true living God. **“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.” (Colossians 1:16-17)** The Lord created this world, everything in it, and all its inhabitants to do with as He wills. You would do well to recognize His sovereign will and give all glory to Him. **“Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.” (Revelation 14:7)** Not in a rote manner with no sincerity but with the gravitas shown towards He who established you and holds all power without sin. **“What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?” (Romans 9:14-21)**

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!