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:

In this past week, the Coronavirus is continuing to spread. There have been nearly 35,000 reported cases and the death toll has surpassed 800, with 86 deaths in one day alone in China. Thousands are trapped on three cruise liners in quarantine, due to infected passengers. Beijing has even taken steps to quarantine entire cities in Hubei, with about 60 million people under travel restrictions (roads are blocked, train stations closed, and flights cancelled). The leaders of these nations grope in darkness, looking for a remedy. WBC warned last week, that your only true hope is to humble yourselves before God and repent, for these matters are in His hand. “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. If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” (2Chron. 7:14)

Also this week, BBC News reported that swarms of desert locusts are continuing to decimate crops and pastures across the Horn of Africa. This has been the worst invasion of desert locusts in 25 years for most of the countries, with this being Kenya’s worst infestation in 70 years. Several of these countries have declared a national emergency. The FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) warned that in the coming days “the upsurge of locusts could become a regional plague”. The swarms hit this region in December and by the end of December had destroyed over 175,000 acres of farmland in Somalia and Ethiopia. The locusts are eating 1.8 metric tons of vegetation a day (135 sq miles), and in Kenya one swarm alone covered an area of 25 miles by 40 miles (that’s 1000 sq miles). For some perspective, one square km (1 km equals roughly .62 miles) eats the same amount as 35,000 people. That is simply incredible! “The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;” (Proverbs 30:27) At this time, over 19 million people are at risk of losing their primary food source. God Almighty’s hand is controlling these matters, so be in awe at His tremendous power. For those that are affected by this, repent and seek the Lord for mercy. For those that are reading or hearing about this, you too should likewise repent and seek the Lord for mercy. “If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” (2Chron. 7:14)

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.

Repent or Perish!