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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:

By the gracious mercy of God, mankind has made it through another year. Let's reflect on some of the amazing work that the Creator of Everything wrought in 2020, by looking at some of the top headlines.

- **The Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)** – The year of 2020 will be forever remembered for COVID-19. We are three waves in and the spread of the virus is continuing to rage. Worldwide to date, there have been over 84.1 million cases and over 1.8 million deaths, with the U.S. having the highest rates of any country. This outpouring of the wrath of God has brought on worldwide travel bans and lock downs, historic job losses, and crippling effects to industries and country economies around the world.
- **US Presidential Election** – This year also marked the election of the 46th President of the United States. The year started with Donald Trump being acquitted in the Senate impeachment hearing and ended with Joe Biden winning the election. Historic voter turnout gave Biden the highest popular vote count ever.
- **Australia Bushfires** – Australia started the year on fire. Bushfires across Australia raged for nearly 80 days, displacing or killing nearly 3 billion animals and burning 18.6 million hectares (45,961,601 acres).
- **California Wildfires** – Meanwhile, the U.S. had its largest wildfire season to date. Most notably in California, where the fires were the most damaging with over 4 million acres burned and 31 people died.
- **Beirut Explosion in August** – An explosion in Beirut that was caused by the exposure of combustible ammonium nitrate (ingredient in fertilizer) to an open flame, became the largest accident of its kind in modern history, claiming 135 lives and causing \$15 billion dollars of damages.
- **Black Lives Matter movement** – The Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement rekindled in 2020, brought on by the killings of Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd, and Breonna Taylor. BLM protests brought on riots and rallies reported in countries around the world.

O LORD God of hosts, who *is* a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee? Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them. Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain; thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy strong arm. The heavens *are* thine, the earth also *is* thine: *as for* the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them. The north and the south thou hast created them: Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy name. Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, *and* high is thy right hand. Justice and judgment *are* the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face. Blessed *is* the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted. For thou *art* the glory of their strength: and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted. For the LORD *is* our defence; and the Holy One of Israel *is* our king. (Psalm 89:8-18)

Repent or Perish!