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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:

On August 26th, a suicide bomber detonated himself in Kabul’s airport where evacuations of U.S. citizens and Afghan allies have been underway these past two weeks. 13 U.S. service members and 170 Afghan civilians were killed in the blast, with at least 200 wounded. These are the first military casualties incurred in the country since February 2020, and the most incurred on a single day in Afghanistan since 2011. Nearly all of them were mere youths in their early twenties. **“For the indignation of the LORD is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.” (Isaiah 34: 2)** **“Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them, that there shall not be a man left: yea, woe also to them when I depart from them!” (Hosea 9:12)** The reaction was swift – within 24 hours it was claimed that the planners of this terrorist attack had been found and destroyed; myriads of puff pieces on the slain soldiers, or heroes rather, became widely circulated; thoughts and prayers abounded – all as worthless as King Saul’s sacrifices to God – **“And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.” (1Sa: 15:22)** God has once again executed judgement on the children of this haughty and perverse generation; and once again this rebellious people have sought to draw near unto him with the calves of their unrepentant lips: **“To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD;” (Isaiah 1:11)** A rhetorical question; to no purpose at all! Without repentance, without grace, without action you are merely filling the air with words. **“But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.” (James 1:25)** Two days remain until the U.S. evacuation efforts from Afghanistan draw to a close. Many U.S. citizens and allies remain however, and the prospect of future attacks is considered high. Repent and pray for mercy.

Elsewhere, U.S. denizens from opposite ends of the country have abandoned their homes to avoid the dual curses of wildfires and hurricanes. On the 16th anniversary of the visitation of God’s wrath known as Hurricane Katrina, Ida made landfall in Louisiana as a Category four, and is expected to be the fiercest to hit its capitol, New Orleans, since Katrina. To make matters worse, the storm is touching down as hospitals near capacity due to the recent onslaught of COVID-19 and the delta variant. Meanwhile 41,000 Californians are facing evacuation orders for the litany of fires raging through the state and which have already consumed 1.66 million acres. God is not idly called a consuming fire, friends. He is indeed a jealous God and will pour out his wrath upon the children of disobedience, to wit: **“For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.” (Ephesians 5: 5-6)**

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!