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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:

The Omicron variant of Covid-19 continued to spread this week. The 7-day average of daily cases in the U.S. this past week was 182,600, which surpasses that of the Delta surge's peak back in September, though we have not surpassed our all-time peak of 251,900 from 1/11/21. Many European countries did report record-high cases this week, including UK (122,186), France (104,611), Spain (72,912), Italy (54,762), and Denmark (20,635). At least in the U.S., hospitalizations and deaths seem to be low compared to previous peaks, but the surge is still young. 71,400 Covid-19 patients were in the hospital as of Friday; the Delta peak was 103,896.

Air travel, which recently started to approach pre-pandemic levels, took a major blow due to the spread of the Omicron variant. With staff and flight crew calling in sick, 5,700 flights globally (1,700 of which started or ended in the U.S.) were cancelled over the Christmas weekend. God mocks your pagan holiday meant to glorify the sun. **"Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen." (Romans 1:25).** Connect the dots! God Almighty is again smiting you with this plague, yet you continue to erase Christ and His standards. Lose the idols you've invented and truly make peace with God. **"Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him." (Psalm 2:12).**

On Saturday, the James Webb Space Telescope was launched into space. The \$10 billion telescope began development in 1996 and includes a system of 18 hexagonal mirrors that can extend to over 21 feet, a spacecraft with a tennis court-sized 5-layer sunshield, and the ability to capture infrared light. According to NASA, part of the goal is "to see the light from the first galaxies that formed some 100 [million], 200 million years after the Big Bang," because "the chemical elements of life were first produced in the first generation of stars after the Big Bang. We are here today because of them - and we want to better understand how that came to be!" Instead of using their talents to observe the creation of God and praise Him for it, they continue to try to strip Him of His power. **"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." (Romans 1:20-21).**

Finally, South African anti-apartheid leader Desmond Tutu died today of prostate cancer. Tutu claimed the title of Christian and bishop and yet he had a fierce hatred of God as he spent much of his life campaigning internationally for homosexuality. In 2013, he said, "I would not worship a God who is homophobic. I would refuse to go to a homophobic heaven. No, I would say, 'Sorry, I would much rather go to the other place.'" In all likelihood, this was Tutu's experience today. **"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." (Matthew 7:21-23).**