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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 Wednesday, September 28, Hurricane Ian made landfall in southwest Florida at Category 4 strength, with winds near 150 mph. It was the fifth strongest recorded hurricane to hit the contiguous United States. The damage from the tropical cyclone was catastrophic, mostly due to flooding and powerful storm surge, reaching at least 12 feet. Amazingly, reverse storm surge occurred in the Tampa Bay, wherein the coastline receded and revealed the floor for people to tread where twelve feet of water previously sat. 67 people died in Florida alone. The Lord made the whirlwind and appointed the death, so of course we can only thank Him for it. **“Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?” (Amos 3:6).** Were the people of Florida sinners above everyone else? Highly unlikely (God knows each one intimately), so repent while you are yet alive. **“Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” (Luke 13:4-5).**

Also this week, another storm of sorts continued gathering in Iran. As of today, there have been 16 days of protest across 40 cities. The cause of the demonstrations was the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini; she was arrested by Iran's Guidance Patrol, nicknamed the morality police and tasked with enforcing Islamic dress code, for not wearing a hijab. The government says she had a heart attack in police custody and slipped into a coma before dying on September 16, but it is alleged that the police essentially beat her to death. The protests appear to have devolved into riots, but it is unclear due to Iran trying to cut off the Internet internally. Possibly dozens of citizens have been killed, and thousands may have been arrested so far. That country has built its house on the sands of a false religious system, and now the storm is here to beat upon it. **“And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.” (Matthew 7:26-27).** The godless measure they use against their citizens has come back upon them. **“Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.” (Matthew 7:1-2).** **“And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man” (Luke 3:14).** There is a less than zero chance the people of Iran are yearning for godly righteousness; their two main forms of protest seem to include their own violence and their women cutting off their hair. Big mistake! Seek God.