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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 Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, a Tunisian journalist set himself on fire in the city of Kasserine, which caused protests and violent clashes with police across Tunisia. The stated goal of the dead journalist and the protestors is to start a “revolution” like the Arab Spring protests of 2010, which also began with a self-immolation and resulted in sweeping governmental changes throughout the Middle East. Many Biblical prophets and saints have died in their service to God, but none have killed themselves – that is murder! **(Exodus 20:13)** Every human’s job is to preach God to their people/society with words, not violence and death. **“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.” (Isaiah 58:1)** **“And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages.” (Luke 3:14)**

Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, was the Christ-less holiday of Christmas. Christmas has no Biblical roots. Nowhere does Christ command **“this do in remembrance of me”** for it as he did for the ordinance of the Lord’s Supper. **(Luke 22:19)** In fact, it is an aggregation of older pagan winter festivals that include worshipping of the sun, which has always been a popular idol and false god. **(2 Kings 23:5)** One of the many goofy Christmas traditions is NORAD’s annual tracking of Santa Claus. Every December 24<sup>th</sup>, NORAD, the combined organization of the U.S and Canadian militaries that provides aerospace warning for North America, pretends to track Santa’s sleigh movements as it “travels” from the North Pole to the rest of the world to deliver presents. During this, children call in and speak to the president and first lady, who purport to provide updates on Santa’s movements. This year, during one interaction that President Trump had with a 7-year-old girl, he asked the child, “Are you still a believer in Santa? Because at seven it’s marginal, right?” The media belly-ached over this due to his potential shattering of the Santa fantasy for the girl. The amount of time, effort, money, and words that go into maintaining the silly lie of Santa on top of the damnable heresy of Christmas is shameful. Your effort should go into teaching your children the standards of God. **“Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; And then the LORD’S wrath be kindled against you [...] Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul [...] And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.” (Deuteronomy 11:16-19)**

On Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced the successful creation and testing of a new weapon he described as “invulnerable.” The Avangard hypersonic missiles are supposedly invincible because they constantly change course and altitude as they fly, as opposed to following a predictable trajectory. Trust in the Lord and not the weapons (or defenses) of the flesh and the world. **“Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.” (Jeremiah 17:5)** **“Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD!” (Isaiah 31:1)**

On Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, Indonesian officials revised the death toll of last Saturday’s tsunami from 430 to 426 people. The tsunami was triggered when an eruption of the volcano Anak Krakatoa caused a chunk of the volcano to slide into the ocean. In addition to the dead, 7,202 people were injured, 29 are still missing, and 43,386 were displaced. It has been noted that tsunamis caused by a volcano, as opposed to an earthquake, are difficult to detect with enough forewarning, so officials have said that sensors were placed near the volcano this week for better detection in the future. The Lord God is where your hope for help comes from; without appealing to and obeying Him, this effort is in vain. **“Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.” (Psalm 127:1)** Implement righteous standards, or God will not hear your pleas in your times of such trouble and destruction. **“But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.” (Proverbs 1:25-27)**