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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:

This past Wednesday, November 27th 2024, was marked by the signing of a peace agreement between Israel, Lebanon, and their intermediaries (US included) after over a year of simmering hostility that burgeoned into open conflict in early September following various missile strikes and a mass targeted assassination operation of Hezbollah agents by Mossad. The deal – a 60-day ceasefire during which Israel must withdraw from Lebanese territory and Hezbollah must withdraw 25 miles from the Israel/Lebanon border – is being called the foundation of a lasting peace. One can’t help but wonder if such characterizations were made regarding UN Security Council Resolution 1701 back in 2006 which ended the last all-out-war between these two nations. **“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. (Ps 127:1) For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.” (1Th 5:3)** However fragile it may be, this agreement leaves the world wondering as to the state of the Israel/Gaza conflict. For nearly a year, Hezbollah vowed not to stop battling Israel until it agreed to a ceasefire in Gaza – with no hope of succor, many wonder if negotiations can now resume between the two countries after months of obduracy. For the present, Netanyahu has indicated he has no inclination to cease operations in Gaza. The LORD knows the end of this matter, and if we are as close to the last days as the many signs of the times and adumbrations appear to indicate, we have a pretty good idea as well. **Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. (Zec 14:1-2) 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. (Zep 2:4-5)**

Nearly fifteen months following the devastating Lahaina fires down in Maui, many residents are now reaching the end of their rental assistance via insurance as well as whatever government funded financial assistance they’re entitled to. They now find themselves at a crossroads between insurmountable debt and being forced to sell their homes and flee - from a place that is for many the land of their nativity - to somewhere with a lower cost of living. This situation is a common enough occurrence in the US, though notable in this case for being sizable in scope and markedly representative of the cold regard this present generation has for their neighbor. **Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, that are in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink. The Lord GOD hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks. (Am 4:1-2) For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. (Ga 5:14)**

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!