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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 week, the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) continued to execute its predetermined, preordained, path. In the council halls of eternity past, the Lord God set all things in array and established all the coming and goings of every creature until the end of time. **“He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names. Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite.” (Psalm 147:4-5)** **“When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?” (Psalm 8:3-4)** The Lord has sent this pandemic. He does all things according to His good will and pleasure and it is all perfect. **“He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.” (Deuteronomy 32:4)**

“Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:” (Ephesians 1:8-11) He purposes all things in Himself. God does not have to answer to anyone for His decisions. He “worketh all things after the counsel of His own will.” In the context of that verse, He gets to choose who to deliver into eternal salvation through the blood of Christ, and who to condemn to eternal damnation. Likewise, He kills, and He makes alive (**Deuteronomy 32:39**). He sends the virus and it infects exactly who it is supposed to. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

The total number of confirmed cases has increased to approximately 2.86 million with over 200 thousand deaths worldwide. This is an increase of over half a million new confirmed cases and over 50 thousand deaths since last week. Meanwhile, domestic violence cases have been on the rise as people are forced to stay at home with people they despise in their hearts. Do violence to no man (**Luke 3:14**). **“Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.” (Leviticus 19:17-18)** This is not speaking to only familial bonds, but rather all other human beings in this world.

Ultimately, the people of this world think they can outsmart and outmaneuver God in this (and all) matters or affairs of this life. **“The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD.” (Obadiah 1:3-4)** Your only hope for peace and safety is to turn to the Lord in humble worship. **“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)** These things are the work of God’s hand. Fear and obey Him and you will be delivered if it is His will.

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!