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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 Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, the United States, amidst the worst wave of the COVID-19 pandemic to date, observed the holiday of Thanksgiving. People travelled across the country to gather with family and friends despite the warnings of the state governments and disease experts. This is truly a people who has been taught from their youth up that whatever they want is theirs for the taking despite all the consequences, temporal or eternal. They will not obey God, so how then would they be expected to obey even the simplest of commands from their Earthly masters? God sent COVID-19 on the children of disobedience, just as He sent the plagues of old: **“And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.” (Numbers 21:5-6)** **“And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel. And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baalpeor. And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel. And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.” (Numbers 25:1-9)** **“So the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men... And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.” (1 Chronicles 21:14,16)** A common thread through all accounts of plague in the Bible is that those who are under that affliction only find reprieve by calling on God and stopping the sin that brought the plague on them! Any who desire obedience should look to the words the Holy Spirit provided us through Paul: **“Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as unto Christ.” (Ephesians 6:5)** The façade at play here is that the people of this country gathered, despite all the signs around them that God Almighty is punishing them, to give thanks. For what? To whom? God is due the thanksgiving of all His creation, but He is not the object of their thanks! A thankful people would give obedience to their Maker! They would recognize the plague upon their heads is a consequence of their flagrant disobedience, and would humble themselves, put away their sin and idols, and beg forgiveness. The United States of America is an unthankful people. Their god is their belly, their every lust and desire. **“Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.” (Philippians 3:19)** Any amongst this corrupt mass of humanity would do well to seek forgiveness and understanding of the events around them so they might more fully cling to the Lord through the storms of His wrath. Turn from your idols and give thanks to God always!

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!