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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 in the U.S., a bomb cyclone made its way through the Northeast with heavy snow, wind, and coastal flooding. There were about 16 million people under a winter weather alert on Saturday night, and 7 million of them were under blizzard warnings. Some of eastern Massachusetts, Long Island and Rhode Island saw more than two feet of snow and blizzard conditions, and a few areas in Massachusetts experienced hurricane-force winds. Around 6,000 flights were canceled, and 123,000 out of 2.6 million customers in Massachusetts were without power. This blizzard is a wonderful display of the power of the Almighty God. Look at the ease by which God can bring your lives to a standstill, and the area He can cover with a single storm. It is within His power to do that and much more, but you have no shame and have immense pride in your sinning. **“As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD. Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.” (Psalms 83:14-18)**

As Russia amasses troops and equipment on their Ukrainian border, Ukraine works to negotiate a ceasefire, and NATO is rapidly trying to reinforce its presence in the region to help ease tensions. In this situation, Russia is starting conflicts and NATO is putting forces on standby to possibly respond with violence. This violence is a consequence of your fleshly reasoning and prideful hearts. Abstain from violence. **“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)** **“The mouth of a righteous man is a well of life: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked. Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.” (Proverbs 10:11-12)** We are not surprised by the actions of these nations; we rejoice because they were determined by God. **“And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows.” (Mark 13:7-8)**

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!