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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, many top headlines revolved around the ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine. Peace talks have been fruitless between the two countries while Russia continues to press onward with more aggression. Big events include the Russian bombing of a maternity/children’s hospital in Mariupol, Ukraine which has been called a “war crime”, “genocide”, and “an atrocity”. The bombing came after an agreement between the countries to allow a week for civilians to evacuate. However, the ceasefire was ignored leading to increased civilian casualties. Meanwhile, as other countries attempt to distance themselves from the conflict, they have grown ever more entangled, with the U.S. House passing a nearly \$14 billion aide package to Ukraine and Biden making sweeping gestures around the world in an attempt to cut off Russian support through trade sanctions. This, on top of the civilian unrest and dissention in Russia against the war, has led Putin to impose greater restrictions within his own country while trying to manage the plummeting loss of value in the Ruble as the economy falters amid the outside influence of other countries.

Meanwhile, the COVID-19 pandemic continues. Although cases in the U.S. have reached levels not seen since the early months of the disease, around the world, cases still number in the millions per day combined. Worldwide coronavirus deaths broke 6 million this week since the beginning of the outbreak. While countries try to return to “normal”, they ignore the pattern observed time after time with some countries experiencing the beginning of new waves of infection.

While these events paint a compelling picture of the scene described in Revelation leading up to the second coming of our Lord Jesus the Christ, all things are appointed in its due time. While we wait patiently for His coming, one thing is for sure and that is the time is short. Whether Christ returns in Glory, or your soul is required of you, your days are numbered, and they are meaningless compared to eternity. What is the state of your soul when that time comes? It would be prudent for all of mankind to redeem the time you have left and repent. You would do well to be as the Psalmist in Psalm 30:

“I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me. O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit. Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved. LORD, by thy favour thou hast made my mountain to stand strong: thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled. I cried to thee, O LORD; and unto the LORD I made supplication. What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth? Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me: LORD, be thou my helper. Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness; To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.” (Psalm 30)