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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 December 31st, 2022, the eve of the New Year, God’s own vicar passed away... Now I know what you might be asking yourself: which one? A fair question, as between Benedict, Francis, and Christ the Lamb, there are three candidates. But it was in fact Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who died. He was well known as the first Pope to retire from his position since the Middle Ages on account of his self-proclaimed “incapacity to adequately fulfil the ministry entrusted to me.” A justifiable concern, since it’s the role of Christ himself that he claimed which the office of Pope subverts. All true Christians know that there is only one name under heaven by which we are saved: **Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (Acts 4:10-12)** The Catholic whore has never let scripture stop her before however; Pope Benedict himself in his final years spent much of his time defending Catholic traditions - such as clerical celibacy – when it was threatened by current Pope Francis’ attempt to amend Catholic Dogma. Clerical celibacy in particular directly contradicts God’s command via Paul and Christ: **This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; (1Ti 3:1-2) For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men’s shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. (Matthew 23:4)** Such plain words, yet the Catholics are unable to divorce themselves from their traditions and forms of Godliness: **Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. (2Ti 3:5) He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. (Mark 7:6-10)** Pope Benedict XVI, who encouraged and bound those heavy burdens and traditions, is surely finding himself ill-equipped as God judges him by them. **Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. (Mt 7:1-2)**

Well, another year has passed, which among many other things, heralds the period of self-reflection and inward contemplation that ultimately results in the New Year’s resolution. Though not at all bad in and of itself, it too easily can turn into sole reliance on oneself and one’s own conviction/determination/goodness/etc. Let the true believers remember that our hope is in the Lord, not in any power we possess: **Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. (Psalm 130:7).**

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!