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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 events of disasters, violence, and unrest plagued the world by the hand of God:

- Afghanistan and Pakistan were struck by a 6.5 magnitude earthquake that killed at least 13 people after damaging buildings and triggering landslides. Many others were injured, including from the reverberations that spread afterwards.
- A city near Los Angeles was hit by a tornado, and fierce winds toppling trees and power lines in northern California killed at least five people. The mid-southern U.S. had millions under flood watches and severe thunderstorm warnings with over 70 mph winds.
- In a Denver high school, two faculty members were shot by a student.
- A 3-day strike in Los Angeles consisting of 30,000 school custodians, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, and other support staff left more than 500,000 students out of class with demands for more pay, better hours, and respectful treatment.
- Due to pension reforms, more than a million people protested in France on Thursday with some areas turning violent. At least 80 people were arrested, and 123 police officers were injured.
- In Israel, amidst the government’s plans to overhaul the judicial system, mass protests have been held across the country. Approximately 200,000 people attended the protest in Tel Aviv, and tens of thousands more in numerous other locations. Water cannons were used by the police as they scuffled with the protesters.

The Lord has preordained all these events and is in control of all the thoughts and imaginations of every person involved. All the wind; all the rain; all the earth and everything on it; every thought; every feeling; and every death were ordered by God and we are thankful for every bit of it because it’s God that has done it. **“See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.” (Deuteronomy 32:39)** **“And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.” (1 Chronicles 28:9)** **“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.” (Romans 13:1)** The Lord made it clear that there will be immense suffering and affliction, but that is only the beginning. **“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 13:8)**

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!