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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:

And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction. And he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man’s hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren (Genesis 16:11-12.)

On Saturday October 7th, 2023, during the dawning hours of the Jewish Sabbath and holiday of Simchat, Palestinian terrorist group Hamas commenced a coordinated offensive from Gaza via land, air, and sea against Israel, 50 years to the day since the beginning of the Yom Kippur war. Footage surfaced yesterday morning of the carnage: Palestinian forces air gliding down onto a desert rave that erupted into gunfire; corpses paraded about on stolen Israeli military vehicles; over 3,500 rockets fired over the course of the day all over Southern Israel, some reaching as far North as Tel Aviv. And somehow, despite having one of the most advanced intelligence networks on the planet, Israel claims to have had no knowledge of the attacks beforehand. As of October 8th, Israeli casualties stand at over 700 dead and 2000 wounded. **O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation. I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few (Isa 10:5-7.)** Shortly after the attack began, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared that Israel was “at war”, and that they would “return fire of a magnitude that the enemy has not known.” As a result of Israel’s counteroffensive, the Palestine Health Ministry is reporting near 400 fatalities - 78 of which are children – and 2,300 wounded. Of course, the last thing this whole mess can be called is unprovoked; it’s just the latest turn in a dance that extends back thousands of years. Mr. Netanyahu would do well to ponder these words from Paul: **Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord (Ro 12:17-19,)** as well as these words from the prophet Micah: **The LORD’S voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it (Mic 6:9.)** The shockwave from these attacks are still being felt the world over, with most of the West coming decidedly down on Israel’s side: US President Joe Biden has publicly condemned the attacks, meanwhile London Mayor Sadiq Khan and others have flown the Israeli flag from state buildings in solidarity. Speculation has already begun as to whether these attacks will be used as a door to expand Israeli occupation into Gaza, the West Bank, or perhaps even the temple mount, driving the remaining vestiges of Palestinian power from Israel. **Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.**

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!