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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, the conflict in Israel/Palestine continued to unfold. A deal was reached on Wednesday, November 22, to release 50 Israeli hostages in exchange for 150 Palestinian prisoners. The exchange is set to play out over four days, during which the fighting will pause. Between Friday and Sunday, 39 Israelis and 117 Palestinians have been exchanged. An additional 19 foreigners (mostly Thai) not part of the main deal have also been released by Hamas. Hamas is hoping to keep the pause in fighting going by releasing 10 more of the remaining 201 Israeli hostages each day, but that has not been agreed to yet.

Israel has warned Palestinians not to return to northern Gaza, as fighting is expected to continue after the pause ends. On Friday, as Palestinian prisoners and Israel hostages were being released, Palestinian militants in the West Bank executed two fellow Palestinians accused of collaborating with Israel and then strung their bodies up to an electrical tower. Eight Palestinians were killed by Israeli fire in the West Bank on Saturday and Sunday.

Even as various international actors try to broker for continued "peace," it is increasingly clear that is not possible until God wills it. They have all purposefully sought to remove God from the equation, so they are left with foolishly groping in the dark for a solution. Seek God and repent!

"Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace. Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness. We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men." (Isaiah 59:7-10).

"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. For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever. If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me." (Deuteronomy 32:39-41).