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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, copious amounts of chaos throughout the world lead to many people dead, injured, or displaced:

- Russia and Ukraine have traded blows throughout the week including Russia launching its biggest air attack across Ukraine since the beginning of its full-scale invasion. The attacks began overnight and struck at least the capital Kyiv, the central city of Dnipro, the eastern city of Kharkiv, the southeastern port of Odesa, and the western city of Lviv. At least 12 were killed and many more injured.
- Gaza suffered several attacks from Israel, increasing the number of dead to over 21,300 and the number of injured to almost 60,000. There are around 150,000 people in central Gaza that have nowhere to go after Israeli forces warned the residents that they must leave urgently.
- Three Iraqi facilities, used by Kataib Hezbollah and affiliated groups, were targeted by airstrikes from the US military, most likely killing several militants.
- In the Serbian capital of Belgrade, thousands of demonstrators gathered to demand that the results of the country's general elections be annulled. At least 35 people were arrested after the protestors attempted to storm the City Assembly. They were fended off by police using riot gear and tear gas.
- On Wednesday, 11,000 migrants waited in shelters and camps hoping to enter the US, and thousands have already crossed the border each day over recent weeks, thus overwhelming federal authorities, and straining US border cities. Over 445,000 migrants have been deported or returned since last May.

We recognize the hand of the Lord in all things let alone these few events, and you would do well to do the same. "Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?" (Amos 3:6) The hand of the Lord cannot be shortened by the likes of depraved man. The Lord kills, wounds, and heals as He sees fit just as He always has and always will have the prerogative to do. "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) Show repentance to the Lord God of this world, obey Him, and give all glory and thankfulness to Him. Without the grace of the Lord, you will remain on your path to Hell and eternal torment. "Give glory to the LORD your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness." (Jeremiah 13:16) "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

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)