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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:

Over the past week, the conflict involving Iran has remained a major focus of international attention. Iran's repeated strikes on commercial ships resulted in President Trump declaring the ceasefire between the two warring nations to be over on July 8, 2026. The US then launched military strikes on numerous Iranian targets, and Iran retaliated by launching military strikes of its own against neighboring nations hosting US military bases. Leaders from nations across the world have continued pursuing diplomatic solutions for long-term peace. Although many hope these efforts will prevent further bloodshed, the situation serves as another reminder that peace in our world is often fragile and temporary, and that the conflicts among nations ultimately reflect the fallen nature of the human heart.

Scripture reminds us that true peace cannot ultimately be established through diplomacy, military strength, or political agreements. Our greatest need is reconciliation with God. Because **"all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"** (Romans 3:23), our deepest conflict is spiritual. But **"being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"** (Romans 5:1). Christ alone is our peace (Ephesians 2:13–14), and He alone gives a peace that the world cannot offer: **"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you."** (John 14:27).

Scripture teaches that wars ultimately arise from the sinful desires of mankind: **"From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?"** (James 4:1). Until the problem of sin is addressed, no treaty or ceasefire can bring lasting peace. This is why the gospel is the greatest message of peace the world has ever known, for through Christ sinners may be reconciled to God and transformed by His grace.

As we continue to watch the events unfolding around the world, may they remind us to place our hope not in the changing circumstances of this world but in the unchanging Savior. One day, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) will establish a kingdom where **"nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more"** (Isaiah 2:4). Until that day, may we faithfully proclaim the gospel—the only message that brings lasting peace to the human heart (Philippians 4:6–7).

Repent or Perish!