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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. Let's view some of this week's judgments from the proper perspective:

This past Sunday, the "Christian" holiday of Easter was celebrated around the world. The word "Easter" is actually in the Bible, translated from the Greek word for the Jewish Passover feast. The King James translators at the time decided to use that word, because the Protestants were celebrating their holiday of Easter on the same day as the Passover (the 14th day of the month Nisan).

Did you know that Easter's origins come from pagan celebration of the goddess of fertility named Eostre (Ostara was the German origin)? The eggs in Easter were originally a part of the folk custom as a symbol for the regeneration of springtime and fertility. The Easter Hare (or Bunny) was also a part of the same customs and was seen as the sacred animal of Eostre and was said to be the deliverer of the eggs.

"Christians" have been said to have started celebrating Easter in the 2nd century, as a commemoration of Jesus Christ's resurrection and was originally celebrated on the same day as the Jewish Passover. In fact, they made a whole week out of it, starting with Palm Sunday, going to Good Friday and then to Easter Sunday. It was originally called Easter to help convert pagans to Christian beliefs and throughout the centuries (and pretty early on, I might add), the original pagan traditions were adopted. The painting and decorating of eggs were brought on in the 13th century because the church prohibited the eating of eggs during their great holy week, and so the eggs that were hatched during that week were sanctified and decorated as a symbol of the resurrection. And then the Easter bunny tradition was adopted in the 17th century and is said to lay those holy eggs, decorate them, and then hide them for children to find (basically like Santa). However, in some European countries other animals like the cuckoo and the fox are the ones that do all the stuff with the eggs. Just let that whole thing sink in. What folly and idolatry!! Here is how Christ said to remember him:

And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide *it* among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it*, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup *is* the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. (Luke 22:17-20)

The Lord our God has granted the people of this world exceeding space for repentance. How long will you refuse to humble yourself before the Lord? Soon, all nations shall know that God, He is the Lord. As the Lord Jesus said, repent or ye shall all likewise perish (**Luke 13:3&5**).