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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:

Monday marked the 54th annual Earth Day celebration - many words were multiplied about conservation and sustainability. A fine sentiment, but the wrong perspective. To start, God is the creator of Heaven and Earth and He alone is to receive all credit for the life-sustaining and beautiful planet we have **“The earth is the LORD’S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.” (Psalm 24: 1-2)**. It is idolatry to worship the false goddess earth who wields no power over your life nor your soul. Man has been given stewardship of this Earth **“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.” (Genesis 1:26)** It is our duty to properly use, and not abuse, what we have been given as our temporal home. There can be no real objection made to the intense impact hyper-industrialization has had on the planet. By whatever name you call it globalized industry has ravaged the environment in immeasurable ways only to turn a quick buck for a handful of people. As such, this week the U.S. first quarter GDP reports were released and show a slowing down of economic growth and a continued increase in inflation. Meanwhile, reports indicate the majority of inflationary increase in prices are due purely to record high corporate profits. To fuel the greed driven economy an estimated 50 million people are enslaved globally and an additional 712 million live in extreme poverty. Unsurprisingly, The United States is the chief importer of slave made products accounting for \$169.9 billion out of \$468 billion in slave involved imports into G20 countries. **“Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom.” (Proverbs 23:4)** It is not enough to simply realize that greed-based industrialization is having a negative impact on the environment and people of this Earth. You must fully acknowledge that this systematic destruction of the Earth is sin against God. **“And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth.” (Revelation 11:18)**. Only when you acknowledge that it is God you are offending, can you repent. **“And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.” (Luke 12:15)** You cannot save the Earth from the wrath of God **“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.” (2nd Peter 3:10)**

“For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm. They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men. Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment. Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish. They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily. They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth. ... Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches... Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end. Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction. How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors. As a dream when one awaketh; so, O Lord, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image. ...For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee. But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I may declare all thy works. (Psalm 73: 3-28)

“Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.” (Psalm 150: 6)