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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:

On Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Scott Frantz, Kansas State University’s starting left tackle, announced to ESPN that he is gay. He is not the first college football player to **“declare their sin as Sodom” (Isaiah 3:9)**, and he won’t be the last. This is a generation that has taught their children rebellion against the God of eternity, and they have no qualms about taking up those reins. Scott’s parents are no exception to that rule as Scott has shown. He was raised believing that he could do whatever he wanted and that consequences were out of the question. Scott’s parents have done him a great disservice. If they had truly appreciated the gift the Lord had given them in the form of a child (**Psalm 127:3-5**), they would have followed this simple commandment: **“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4)** You parents have shirked your duty as a whole, and have raised a generation that knows not God. **“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD” (Amos 8:11).**

On Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Cosmo DiNardo, age twenty, confessed to the murders of four young men who had gone missing in Philadelphia a week ago. The disappearance of these young men led to several smaller investigations that all pointed back to DiNardo. He was then taken into custody, and shortly thereafter admitted to four counts of murder. It is apparent that the teachers at DiNardo’s private high school, Holy Ghost Preparatory, forgot to inform him of the standards of the One true God. One of these standards reads as such: **“Thou shalt not kill.” (Exodus 20:13)** This young man will now spend the remainder of his days behind bars, only having his life spared because he admitted to the murders. It was a man of similar spirit that nearly two thousand years ago was released into the Jewish population instead of the Messiah on the night prior to his crucifixion. **“And they cried out all at once, saying Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas: (Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.)” (Luke 23:18-19)** Young Cosmo DiNardo has no hope in this life, or in eternity if the Lord will not have mercy upon him. It is the duty of parents to teach their children God’s standards, and this is yet another example where they have shirked that responsibility.

On Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, a fire in Honolulu killed three people. The fire started in the early afternoon in the Marco Polo Apartments. The blaze consumed several floors of the 36-story high-rise, but the fatalities occurred on the 26<sup>th</sup> floor. The fire became so widespread due to a lack of sprinklers in the building. Several others were in serious condition and were taken to a nearby hospital. The Lord continues to pour out His wrath on a world full of the children of disobedience. (**Ephesians 5:6**) Hawaii legalized same-sex marriage on December 2, 2013. This action is nothing short of spitting in the face of the God who created you! If you do not turn from your wicked ways and seek the forgiveness of the Lord, you can only expect more and worse. **“Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” (Luke 13:4-5)**

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)**

## Repent or Perish!