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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:

Throughout this week, the world has continued to refuse that blessedly simple command from our God: **“Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13)** Therefore, He Who Is has put forth His almighty hand to lay righteous judgement down upon this rebellious people who have turned their faces from Him and loved the darkness. **(John 3:19-21)** The destruction left in the wake of Hurricane Maria has devastated many islands in the Atlantic, primarily leaving Puerto Rico in ruins. Articles appeared daily mentioning Puerto Rican’s plea to ‘Uncle Sam’ for aid. Only God can deliver you. If you humble yourselves before God, like that great city of Nineveh or as Jerusalem before Shishak, knowing that He has punished you less than you deserve **(Ezra 9:13)**, then He will deliver you. Be thankful for your God-given life, and repent!

Also, this past week, there has been a clash between two of the United States’ biggest idols: The flag and the sports industry. Players across the nation have taken a knee during the national anthem in protest of police brutality. Colin Kaepernick, who started this protest in 2016, stated “I am not going to stand up to show pride in a flag for a country that oppresses black people and people of color.” It isn’t a mystery that the honoring of a flag requires that you honor what it stands for. In addition to being an idol for this nation, the US flag represents the sin this nation fights for: namely homosexuality, fornication, and adultery. Idolatry is a sin. Homosexuality is a sin. Fornication is a sin. Adultery is a sin. Pride is a sin. **“Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things’ sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:” (Colossians 3:5-6)**

On September 27th, Hugh Hefner passed away at the age of 91. This poster boy for the sin of this generation was a primary enabler of fornication and adultery. With his three wives and many partners over the years, he must have missed the verses that say **“Thou shalt not commit adultery.” (Exodus 20:14)** and **“But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.” (Proverbs 6:32)** God made them male and female, one man and one wife, as a perfect symbol of the relationship between Jesus and His bride the church. Disregarding this blessed ordinance given to us by God shows a depraved hatred for His standards and for the state of your own body and soul. **“Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?” (1 Corinthians 6:15-20)**

Saturday, September 30th marked the “Day of Atonement” in Jewish tradition. Tradition states that each year, God writes each person’s fate into the Book of Life on Rosh Hashanah and then waits until Yom Kippur to seal that decision. So, Jews are supposed to seek forgiveness so they can hopefully change their fate before it is sealed. This, as human-made traditions so often do, promotes the free will of man. The Lord is omnipotent and sovereign. He chose those who would be His, of His own prerogative, before the foundation of the world was laid. **“... (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) ... For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.” (Romans 9:9-16)** You are required to seek forgiveness daily. For more words on this work of God to blind the eyes of forsaken man, see last week’s news release.

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!