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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 Tuesday, April 17th, Southwest Flight 1380 had to make an emergency landing in Philadelphia after the airplane’s left engine failed. The Dallas-bound flight had taken off 20 minutes earlier from New York when a fan blade broke off of the left engine, apparently due to “metal fatigue.” Shrapnel then struck the fuselage, shattering a window and sucking a female passenger partially out of the plane; the woman was pulled back in by other passengers but died nonetheless due to blunt impact trauma of the head, neck, and torso. The plane’s captain, Tammie Jo Shults, was able to roughly yet safely navigate to and land the plane at Philadelphia International Airport with only one engine and no further loss of life. Mrs. Shults, who was one of the Navy’s first female fighter pilots, has been widely lionized and praised in the media for getting the plane landed and saving the remaining 143 passengers along with the crew. The glory and thanks for this event first and foremost belong to God Almighty. **“O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.” (Psalm 136:1)** Mrs. Shults has reportedly said in the past that sitting in the captain’s seat gives her “the opportunity to witness for Christ on almost every flight.” She, and everyone, should of course recognize and “witness” the God of mercy in sparing the majority of the passengers of Flight 1380, but they should also witness the God of judgment who saw fit to kill one passenger and who has set a date of death for every single human on Earth. **“See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.” (Deuteronomy 32:39)** Witness the Christ who said, **“go, and sin no more” (John 8:11)**, and heed that warning.

Also on Tuesday, April 17th, former First Lady of the United States Barbara Bush died. It was reported earlier in the week that she was in failing health and that her healthcare focus was switching from further treatment to comfort care. Her funeral was held at St. Martin’s Episcopal Church in Houston, TX on Saturday, April 21st. At 92 years of age, Mrs. Bush had a very long history in politics due to her immediate family’s involvement in it. Among that history is that she most notably served as Second Lady and First Lady of the United States when her husband, George H. W. Bush, was Vice President and President, respectively. She was also the mother of President George W. Bush and former Florida governor and presidential candidate Jeb Bush. Upon news of her death, very positive media reports and obituaries heaping praise upon her began pouring in. Much ado was especially made of her work to advance universal literacy, as she founded the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy in 1989. The image you get from all of this media coverage is one of a kindly, strong, compassionate, grandmotherly woman. That is simply an attempt to whitewash the history of an evil woman who apparently hated God. **“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men’s bones, and of all uncleanness.” (Matthew 23:27)** **“Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.” (Luke 6:26)** Barbara Bush threw her support behind the grotesque sin of abortion. She and her husband also attended a dyke marriage in 2013 and signed the “marriage” license, putting their seal of approval on what is an abomination to God before the whole world. This woman lived an especially long life. **“The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.” (Psalm 90:10)** And yet, she has little to nothing to show for it. Instead of using her massive platform to preach Christ, she used it to thumb her nose at Him. **“He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.” (1 John 2:4)** God alone owns salvation, but there is little doubt that Barbara Bush is in Hell.

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!