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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 Sunday, July 8th, a group of eighteen international divers began rescuing the Thai Wild Boars soccer team from the Tham Luang caves in Thailand’s Chiang Rai province. The team, composed of twelve players aged 11 to 17 and their coach, became stranded when they entered the cave network after soccer practice on June 23rd and flooding caused by monsoon rains closed off their exit. A global effort to rescue the group was then put into motion. Two British divers were the first to make contact with the 13 on July 2nd. After much planning, gathering of resources, and diving instructing for the soccer team, the actual rescue operation began on July 8th. Four boys were evacuated from the flooded, sometimes extremely tight cave passageways each day for three days; each boy was led by two divers to guide him and hold his oxygen tank. The final four boys and the coach were rescued on Tuesday, July 10th. This was a very harrowing ordeal for those involved, and the results are nothing short of miraculous; God Almighty alone deserves the praise and glory for this mercy, as for all things. **“O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.” (Psalm 136:1-4)** Instead, much praise has been heaped upon the rescuers and, more specifically, the Thai Navy SEAL who died due to lack of oxygen while returning from delivering oxygen tanks to the stranded team. That death is as much due to God as the rescue of the soccer team. Also, do not put your trust in man instead of in God, for man has no strength of his own. **“The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.” (Isaiah 40:6-7)** The media and the public has also sought to glorify Buddhism in all of this, because the soccer coach apparently taught his players Buddhist meditation in an effort to keep them calm while they were stuck in the cave. Buddhism is a false religious system that emphasizes meditation as a utility for its practitioners to perfect themselves through self-will. A warning to those who seek to tear down God to build up their idols: **“I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.” (Isaiah 42:8)**

On Monday, July 9th, President Trump announced his nomination of U.S. Circuit Judge Brett Kavanaugh to fill the vacancy of Anthony Kennedy on the Supreme Court of the United States. Ever since Kennedy announced his retirement last month, abortion proponents, including large swaths of the media and nearly all members of the Democratic political party, have been lighting themselves on fire over the possibility of even modest legal restrictions on the horrible sin of abortion. Kennedy is an abortion-rights activist; his retirement brings with it the possibility of his replacement being someone willing to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, a 1973 Supreme Court ruling that enshrined the supposed right to abortion in the U.S. constitution. Shame on those leading this charge in support of this vile sin. God knows that a human’s care and affection for their child is not a guarantee, which is why He juxtaposes it with His own perfect, enduring love for His people. **“Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.” (Isaiah 49:15)** The process of a child being formed in the womb is directed by the Lord, and God knows that child even before they are formed. So, there should be no delusion that the unborn are somehow stateless and therefore can be killed by man as though that is not a sin. **“Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.” (Jeremiah 1:5)** Abortion is bloody murder, and God said not to do it. **“Thou shalt not kill.” (Exodus 20:13)** Any standard that supports abortion should be destroyed completely, and we will see if it is God’s will for this new SCOTUS appointment to provide a path in that direction.

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!