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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:

George Washington’s birthday, a federal holiday in the United States, is often referred to as President’s Day and has become a general celebration based around the presidents of the United States. This year, it was observed on Monday, the 17th of February. Regardless of how you decide to look at it, whether it is to honor the first president of this country, or both Washington and Lincoln, or even just for the various presidents in general, it is focused on the worshipping of human beings in some capacity. No deed of humanity is worthy of reverence, worship, or honor. These forms of attention are entirely reserved for the Lord, your creator, and His works. Consider these passages about the vanity of mankind. **“Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun.” (Ecclesiastes 2:11)** **“Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and stablisheth a city by iniquity! Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts that the people shall labour in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity?” (Habakkuk 2:12)** Was not this nation built with blood and iniquity? A nation that enslaved their fellow man for centuries and rebelled against their rulers causing bloodshed in the name of establishing their desire for “freedom”? **“LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am. Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah. Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.” (Psalm 39:4-6)** And finally: **“I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit.” (Ecclesiastes 1:14)** All these things are vain: empty and without value. So why would you put any resources towards the pursuit of these worldly matters outside that which is necessary to maintain? Pursue eternal matters. Fear and Obey God.

On Tuesday, the 18th, the Boy Scouts of America filed for bankruptcy after hundreds of allegations of sexual abuse continued to accumulate against one of the oldest and largest American youth organizations. Some sources estimate that the organization could face upwards of 1,700 claims of sexual abuse spanning several decades. The choice to file for bankruptcy complicates the legal processing of the cases and could lead to the victims being unable to be compensated by the BSA. The tactic has been used previously by both the USA Gymnastics association, when more than 500 women said they were abused by Larry Nassar, and the Catholic Church Dioceses involved in the abuse allegations of children across the country. **“For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, neither do they seek the LORD of hosts. Therefore the LORD will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, in one day. The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail. For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed. Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows: for every one is an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. For wickedness burneth as the fire: it shall devour the briars and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up like the lifting up of smoke. Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts is the land darkened, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire: no man shall spare his brother. ... Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed; To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless!” (Isaiah 9:13 - 19, 10:1 - 2)** 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. You have forsaken the law of God, and now you are left scrambling in an attempt to make your laws of man provide justice, yet you will fail. **“Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.” (Matthew 15:14)** Abide in God’s law, which is perfect.

Repent or Perish!