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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:

This week, the Lord continues to punish the people of the world with COVID-19. There have been more than 150,000 confirmed cases since the outbreak began in the city of Wuhan, China. The World Health Organization declared the outbreak of this potentially deadly virus a pandemic- striking fear in the hearts of man the world over. Panic has overtaken people, driving them to flock to supermarkets to stock up on supplies, even becoming violent to secure their portion of the goods that can only be restocked so fast. Confusion! **“But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.” (Psalm 59:8)** Amongst the confusion, those who lay up treasures on Earth (**Matthew 6:19**) look to their false goddess “Science” for a solution, and there is no relief there. God alone holds the solution to this pandemic, and will dispense that at His pleasure to the children of men. The wicked men of ancient Israel were also familiar with the swift, decisive, and destructive judgements of God for sin on many occasions, e.g. **“And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel... And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel. And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand.” (Numbers 25:1-3, 7-9)** The Lord has no shortage of weapons in His arsenal to pour out judgement on wicked men. It is certain that this virus is from the Lord, and it serves Him and Him alone.

The Lord God has laid the standards of obedience out plainly, and when you turn after the lusts of your hearts instead of turning to His Wisdom, Wisdom will **“laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.” (Proverbs 1:26-33)** There is an appropriate fear of the Lord that is the foundation of wisdom, **“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.” (Proverbs 9:10)**, but that fear is reserved to those who are given to hear and understand these words from our Christ: **“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” (Matthew 10:28)** To those who would serve the King, take comfort in these words: **“Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.” (Proverbs 3:25-26)** **“A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.” (Psalm 91:7-10)**

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!