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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, port workers of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) went on strike along the East and Gulf coasts. Their strike is for increased wages and reassurances that the ports won’t introduce automation that will replace their positions. The strike lasted a few days beginning on Tuesday and ending on Thursday with an announcement from the ILA that striking members will resume work on Friday. An agreement was reached regarding wage increases allowing the strike to end while final details are worked out. Shame on you all!

Workers, the Lord requires that you obey those that are placed above you. **“Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:” (Colossians 3:22)** The Lord made you their subordinate and your obligation is to do your job as is required of you, to the best of your ability. **“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.” (Romans 13:1)** In your pride and arrogance, you refused to do your job. The Lord God provides for those that are His; if you’ve lived your life conformed to God and His commandments, then your wages will be sufficient, and you should be content. **“And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages.” (Luke 3:14)**

To all those that are placed above another, the Lord requires that you treat your subordinates with fairness and give them the wages and benefits that they deserve for their service. If your greed and pride resulted in underpaying your employees and providing them the bare minimum or less in benefits and safety, then shame on you. You also have an obligation to do your job justly and to the best that you are able. **“Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.” (Colossians 4:1)**

The Lord God is full of mercy and will protect those that love Him and keep His commandments. **“As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.” (Psalms 18:30)** **“Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face.” (Deuteronomy 7:9-10)** Be ashamed of your sins and meekly seek His face. Repent and pray to God for mercy and forgiveness. **“O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.” (Psalms 136:26)**

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!