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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, December 1st, President Joe Biden issued a sweeping pardon of his son, Hunter Biden. The pardon included his gun and tax convictions from earlier in the year, as well as any potential federal criminal activity that he was engaged in from January 2014 through the day of his pardon. This comes after the President said on multiple occasions that he would not pardon his son or commute his sentence. This move has been largely panned by talking heads and politicians of all flavors as an abuse of the power of the Presidential office. While this is hardly the first time a President has abused his authority, the sweeping nature of the pardon and the air of criminality that surrounds the Biden family has raised suspicion that the President is using this moment to keep his son from answering for crimes that would implicate the President himself. **“Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the LORD. Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right. The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them.” (Proverbs 20:10-12)** The message from the President is clear: any who would be friends or relatives of those in power, break the law with abandon and impunity as all will be forgiven in the eyes of the law. The Lord sees your wicked deeds, and they will not go unpunished. **“The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.” (Proverbs 15:3)** He is the one who supplies the authority and in turn He requires much from those He gives much. **“For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.” (Luke 12:48b)**

On Wednesday, December 4th, The CEO of UnitedHealthcare, Brian Thompson, was assassinated in broad daylight while walking down the street in New York City. The assassin is still at large, with the FBI offering a \$50,000 reward for any information that leads to his capture. The casings of the bullets used in the assassination had the words “deny, depose, delay” on them. This is a twist on a popular phrase within the healthcare insurance industry, “delay, deny, defend”, in reference to how insurance companies should do their best to refuse to properly pay out the claims of their members. Traditional media is covering this story with the same gravitas generally associated with any fatal incident, but social media is ablaze with many praising the assassin for his work, scoffing at the dollar amount of the reward, and expressing hope that the assassin remains uncaught. Several issues are at play with this situation, all of which can be addressed from a Bible lens for any interested soul. The assassin should never have killed Brian Thompson: **“Thou shalt not kill.” (Exodus 20:13)** The healthcare industry should not be oppressing the people they claim to serve such that they are known for their exorbitant rates and mishandling of claims: **“Divers weights are an abomination unto the LORD; and a false balance is not good.” (Proverbs 20:23)** **“When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.” (Proverbs 29:2)** The cruel members of the public who revel in the slaying of this man ought to consider these words: **“Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth: Lest the LORD see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him. Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked;” (Proverbs 24:17-19)** Truly from the top to the bottom this godless nation has gone the way of doing that which is right in its own eyes and will be devoured from within and without. **“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.” (Psalm 9:17)** **“The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.” (Proverbs 16:4)**

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!