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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 Wednesday, April 16th, United States Senator Chris Van Hollen of Maryland traveled to El Salvador to meet with Kilmar Abrego Garcia who was deported for being in the U.S. illegally. This story has dominated the news cycles this week as the lying media wrangled amongst themselves and with representatives of the Trump administration to turn the facts of this issue on their head. The media would have you believe that Kilmar Abrego Garcia is a citizen of Maryland, an upstanding fellow, and the events surrounding his deportation are wholly immoral. A picture they have tried and failed to paint repeatedly. Kilmar Abrego Garcia is a member of the notorious gang MS-13, who physically abused his wife, and was in violation of the immigration laws of the United States. He was indeed rightfully deported. The facts could not be more straightforward, and that is why this story is being discussed here. Look at what the Lord God Almighty has done to this nation. **“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.” (Psalm 9:17)** **“The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.” (Psalm 14:1-3)** This is a people who have altogether left off seeking God. From the raging atheist to the raging “God loves everyone” Christian, there is not one who does good. It is difficult to wrap your head around the various levels of sinful action and inaction that have led the United States to this spot – but one thing is certain: The destruction of this country is happening all around us. The moral fabric is torn and shredded until it is in such tatters that those who should be speaking the truth are bending themselves into pretzels to champion a violent criminal.

On Thursday, April 17th, Luigi Mangione was indicted on several federal charges including the December 4, 2024, murder of United HealthCare CEO Brian Thompson. This is a rare case of the United States criminal justice system acting in accordance with its laws. Mangione was either left to his own devices and never taught, or has forgotten, that God will require an account of what we’ve done in this life: **“Thou shalt not kill.” (Exodus 20:13)** **“The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.” (Proverbs 29:15)** **“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” (2 Corinthians 5:10)** The prosecutors in this case are seeking the death penalty for Mangione. If this wicked nation were to follow the moral law that God has established, Mangione should be put to death. This use of the death penalty becomes problematic when one examines the spirit in which it is being sought: to make an example of Mangione that anyone who would go after the rich and powerful will face dire consequences. Not even in rendering appropriate judgement can the rulers of this country behave righteously! **“Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.” (1 Timothy 1:15)**

On Sunday, April 20th, the pagan festival of Easter was celebrated by those who would claim to follow Christ. A brief reminder that should Christ have wanted his followers to celebrate His resurrection He had all the power and authority to do so. **“Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.” (1 John 5:21)**

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!