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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 Friday, July 10th, the body of 3-year-old Olivia Jansen was found in Kansas City, Kansas hours after her father reported her missing. The father of the girl, and his girlfriend have both been arrested on charges of murder and child abuse. Parents in this generation are unthankful for their children, wanting only to chase after their lusts without the natural consequences of children! A godly man would look on a child as the blessing they are and raise them to serve the King. **“Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.” (Psalm 127:3-5)** **“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)** How far from serving God must you come to kill your own children? The people in Israel of old turned to eating their children in the most desperate reaches of the siege of Samaria: **“And the king said unto her, what aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to day, and we will eat my son to morrow. So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she hath hid her son.” (2 Kings 6:28,29)** This nation has been cursed for generations with parents who will not teach their children the standards of God. And what happens when you fail to raise up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? You provoke them to wrath! **“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” (Ephesians 6:4)** A child who has been provoked to wrath, grown up and had their own children, will be inclined to go in their own ways, hating that blessing of the Lord. **“Thou shalt not kill” (Exodus 20:13)**

Covid-19 continues to ravage the world, surpassing 12 million confirmed cases worldwide. Amidst the increasing presence of the virus, unrest continues to plague the united states. While government authorities call for social distancing and masks to be worn, and clamber to stop the spread of infection, they refuse to call the people to order who are rioting in the streets under the guise of a desire for racial justice. The Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, when asked if people should go through the proper channels to remove statues rather than pulling them down in unlawful, violent riots said “people will do what people will do”, thereby putting a stamp of approval on any and all unlawful behavior. All men have a duty to be subject to those in power in their day. **“Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.” (Titus 3:1)** There is constant confusion regarding what is to be done in response to Covid-19, with differing opinions and orders at every level and in every corner of the world. We at WBC have been telling you from the beginning of this plague that the answer is plain: follow in the steps of ancient Nineveh and Repent! Turn to the Lord God and obey! **“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13)** **“So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days’ journey. And Jonah began to enter into the city a day’s journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown. So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?” (Jonah 3:3-9)**

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!