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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:

God Sent the Shooter! From March 16<sup>th</sup> when a gunman unloaded at 3 spas in Atlanta, killing 8, to April 16<sup>th</sup> when a gunman unloaded on workers in an Indianapolis FedEx facility, killing 9 including himself, 45 mass shooting events took place in the United States. 45 mass shootings in 30 days. As lockdown restrictions from the COVID-19 pandemic have lifted across the nation, the violence has returned in droves! **“Thou shalt not kill.”** (Exodus 20:13) Of course, these horrible acts of violence are met with the typical political squabble- the Left wanting to take away all guns, and the Right proclaiming that it’s every American’s right to own and operate deadly weapons: in other words, a big puppet show to avoid actually, really dealing with the problem that is the source of these hateful, violent acts. We at WBC have been warning of days like these and telling you the simple truth: **“Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”** (Luke 13:3) The people of the United States, both great and small, must do an about face on the sin they so greedily lust after and humble themselves before the King of Eternity if there is any true desire to end the violence that has become so commonplace in the land. The moral fabric of this society has been torn to shreds- parents have lied to their children about God and His standards for generations running now, each successive generation knowing and teaching less and less than the one before it, and they expect their children to not grow up with their hearts twisted and full of hate for their fellow man? **“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”** (Ephesians 6:4) **“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”** (Proverbs 22:6)

As the violence from the citizenry has increased, so too has the violence of the police towards the people. Several high-profile shootings have taken place this week, including the killing of one Daunte Wright in Minneapolis and 13-year-old Adam Toledo in Chicago. Police across the United States: read the words of John the Baptist to the soldiers of the Roman Empire (who acted as a police force in those days): **“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) Rebellious house of the United States: read the words Paul wrote to the church at Rome: **“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. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.”** (Romans 13:1-4) The police and all government authorities have been granted their power by the King of Kings. Just because they have abused that power and refused to enforce judgment and justice properly, does not give anyone the right to revolt against them and behave violently. Here are two examples of those submitting to the authority over them though it was thoroughly abused: The first is David, speaking to King Saul after refusing to kill him because he was the Lord’s anointed **“Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and some bade me kill thee: but mine eye spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the LORD’S anointed.”** (1 Samuel 24:10) The second is Christ, submitting to his death at the hands of the Jews, when he had all the power to be delivered from that death. **“Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?”** (Matthew 26:53) If there is any hope for the United States, it doesn’t reside in stricter gun control legislation or better background checks- it will only come from obedience to your Maker! Put away rebellion and obey!

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!