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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, March 27th, the 94th Academy Awards were held. The event which, by design, elevates the creature above the Creator (**Romans 1:25**) was starkly punctuated by the violence associated with fallen man. (**Genesis 4**) After a rather innocuous quip by comedian Chris Rock, Will Smith took to the stage and slapped him in front of a national audience – all in defense of a woman who is NOT the wife of his youth. (**Malachi 2:14**) Why is this relevant you ask? Because in the wake of this violent act, every celebrity and personality across the country has taken to their respective platforms to give their take on it all, thereby showing their understanding of how effective their given platform is to spread a message. (**Mark 12:30**) If they had any interest in or love for their fellow man, they would use those platforms to tell them their sin is damning and taking them to Hell, not to spread the hot take on the latest Hollywood gossip. **“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**) The Academy has yet to determine if Will Smith will be formally reprimanded for his actions. Will has resigned from the Academy, but if he had any good sense he would sincerely apologize, give his award back, humble himself, put away that strange woman, and spend the remainder of his days following God in a state of contrition and service. **“These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.”** (**Proverbs 6:16-19**)

In the wee hours of Sunday, April 3rd, a mass shooting occurred in Sacramento, California. At least 6 are dead with another 9 injured. Details are still forthcoming on this event, but violence continues to rage across the land and nobody – NOBODY – can pinpoint the solution to this ever-present, ever-growing tide of bloodshed. In the aftermath of this shooting, there will likely be the same milquetoast sentiments aired and “solutions” proposed that follow every other mass shooting e.g.: “Gun control”, “Increased security/police presence”, “Thoughts and prayers for the victims and their families”, etc. God hates your prayers. **“And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.”** (**Isaiah 1:15**) He will not hear you, oh rebellious people! The solution is simple, plain, and easily achievable if anybody had a heart to serve God: **“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**) One of these commandments is: **“Thou shalt not kill.”** (**Exodus 20:13**) A society that is built on the law of God and strives to keep that law rather than bend, break, and twist every rule in every conceivable way will enjoy peace and prosperity instead of death, destruction, and deconstruction at the hands of its angry, rebellious, discontent citizenry. God sent the shooter. He could just as easily hold back the shooter. Obedience is mandatory for blessings. Rebellion will be met with punishment- and what better way to punish this violent generation (4,000 babies murdered a day via abortion) than with violence. **“Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.”** (**Proverbs 1:24-31**)

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!