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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:

The U.S. Justice Department has begun investigating sex abuse scandals among churches associated with the Southern Baptist Convention in the past week. This follows an investigative report conducted by a third party consultant released two months ago which claims that leadership of the SBC has suppressed these sex abuse cases for the past two decades, answering allegations of wrongdoing by pastors/staff “with resistance, stonewalling, and even outright hostility.” Though a list of all those accused of sexual assault was kept by a member of the denomination’s executive committee, little attempt was made to deal with or report them. If you claim to be a church of God, you should strive for the behavior of your membership, let alone your church leaders and elders, to be above reproach. **“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” (Mat 5:13) Abstain from all appearance of evil. (1Th 5:22)** A city upon a hill; a light in the darkness; that is the standard, and it cannot be upheld without church discipline. **“Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” (1Co 5:6-8)** Yet these Baptist churches who claim to be of Christ fall short, and in fact give themselves to darkness, hiding such wicked behavior from their congregation and refusing to hear the matter before them, covering up instead of exposing and resolving **“such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles” (1Co 5:1)**, thus showing themselves to be little different from the Catholic whore. **“For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved.” (Joh 3:20)** The standard for discipline is clear, and it cannot be done fully without putting the matter before the membership, laid open before the body even as **“all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.”** **“Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.” (Mal 3:16)** Is there any wonder why those of the present generation have so wholly given themselves over to sin, seeing as how those who claim to be the bastions of Godliness are so steeped in sin and false doctrine? **They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate. (Tit 1:16)**

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!