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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 Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 24-year-old NFL football player Damar Hamlin collapsed on the field of play unconscious. Trainers assessed the situation and began administering CPR which continued for nine minutes until an ambulance arrived and paramedics took over. He was transported to the hospital where he has been since. He has since woken up and shown signs of improvement. Two things bring this incident to the forefront for discussion. First, this young man was from all appearances in the prime of his life. Tip-top shape. And in one second the God of Eternity struck him a crippling blow. **“Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.” (Proverbs 16:18).** Throughout the week, the questions on the tongue of every talking head and every social media account have been: Why? How could this happen to Damar? And nobody will put right words to the situation, nobody will speak with authority and rightly divide the word of truth! Consider these thoughts and soberly examine yourself, as the Lord can require the soul of each of us at any moment: **“The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty? While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.” (Daniel 4:30-33)** Draw the parallels between Nebuchadnezzar and Damar- both showered with temporal blessings, and both puffed up in pride. Both struck a blow. Damar, now is the time to humble yourself before the King of kings and continue your life in service to Him, and not **“all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life” (1 John 2:16)** Second, for those who have offered up their “thoughts and prayers”, examine yourselves! What are these thoughts and prayers? Prayers to whom? Thoughts directed toward a thing mean nothing. A trite platitude. Prayers towards God are meaningful and powerful only if they are effectual and fervent AND come from a righteous man (or woman) according to **James 5:16.** The scripture is plain about the prayers of the disobedient: **“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)** **“For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.” (1 Peter 3:12)** God will not hear the prayers of the wicked.

In the wee hours of Saturday, Kevin McCarthy won the position of Speaker of the House of Representatives of the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress. That came after a brutal, grueling display of immature, incoherent, bickering and fighting between both parties, and within those parties. Consider the state of this nation when its lawmakers cannot help but squabble over every little thing. They are each guided by the broken moral compass residing in their hearts that they have spent a lifetime warping and twisting until morality means exactly what they want it to mean. This government has long been touted as the best that humanity has come up with. Scripture could not be clearer that the opposite is true. Look to the vision of Nebuchadnezzar to see where America falls within systems of human government: **“Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay (Democracy).” (Daniel 2:31-33)** Part of iron and part of clay. Iron for its military might and power to enforce its will. Clay because it is weak, malleable, and lacking in all cohesion. That is your 118<sup>th</sup> congress Mr. Speaker. Truly the basest of men have been set over you America, by God on high **(Daniel 4:17)**

Repent or Perish!