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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:

This week, the Republican National Convention was the focus of national headlines. After the attempted assassination of Donald Trump on July 13<sup>th</sup>, the typically tame, if not boring, convention turned raucous. Many called for uniting the country from its currently divided state, forgetting that the only foundation on which they should be uniting is that of God and Truth. **“Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.” (Proverbs 16:5)** **“For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.” (Jeremiah 8:11)** Humility and thanksgiving should have been the presentation on display, instead we were all given a look into the idol-making state of the natural human heart. During Trump’s first public appearance after being shot in the ear, his wound was covered with a square bandage. The next day, countless convention goers wore makeshift bandages to cover phantom wounds on their foolish ears. Is there no end to the idol worship with the people of this nation? **“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.” (Exodus 20:4-6)**

On Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, the world awoke to a software outage caused by the company CrowdStrike. The details continue to emerge, but what was immediately apparent is the futility in trusting in the devices of man. One small error led to the FAA grounding flights across the country. Businesses and government agencies alike were brought to a screeching halt because they are wholly dependent on the services software companies offer them. The ways the Lord can bring the people of this world to their knees are without limit. **“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.” (Proverbs 1:26-30)** A truly amazing sight to behold. The fingers started pointing and the blame flying, but the glory of it all goes to God. Your wickedness knows no bounds, and His blessings are ever more removed from you because you are children of disobedience. The standards of God are simple and will not be grievous to those who are His own – obey them and you will be blessed, forsake them and you will inherit the curses found in the Scripture. **“For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.” (1 John 5:3)** **“But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.” (Jeremiah 7:23-24)** The United States has given itself over to every manner of filth and debauchery, all while screaming for societal acceptance of their base actions. Hear what the Bible has to say about those violent actions: **“But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.” (2 Peter 2:12-16)**

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!