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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:

It has become common amongst this generation to hardly go a week without a generation-defining trauma. However, this week nary a day passed without a new trauma that will shape the future of this world’s inhabitants. **“Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?” (Amos 3:6)**. Riots and massive protests over immigration enforcement embroiled Los Angeles, California early this week, none of which displayed a modicum of sobriety or nuanced understanding of any facet of the issue at hand, only unbridled revelry, rebellion, and rage. In response, President Trump overrode Governor Newsom of California and called in the National Guard to assist with restoring order. This only emboldened the rebellious children of the streets, resulting in the furthest escalation in United States history, calling active-duty marines to enforce the law on American streets. Then, on Tuesday, a 14-year-old in France stabbed a school assistant to death, and later the same day a former student walked into a school in Austria and murdered 9 people with a handgun and sawn-off shotgun. On Thursday, an airliner crashed shortly after takeoff in India, killing 241 of the 242 passengers on board and 38 people on the ground so far. Praise be to God, who kills and who makes alive, who wounds and who heals, as the sole surviving passenger walked out of the wreckage with only some minor burns and scrapes. Then, in the late hours of Thursday and small hours of Friday, that loathsome pestilence called Israel executed a conniving and murderous assault on Iran’s military and nuclear infrastructure, some of which was smuggled and emanated from within Iran’s own borders. Not to be out-deplored, the murderous, festering pedophiles of Iran began striking back, and the two stains on the earth continue pummeling each other with death from above. The United States immediately distanced itself from the attack, though subsequent reports show the U.S. has been intricately involved in assisting Israel become inebriated on its bloodlust. If the whispers of World War III weren’t enough vanity and vexation, on Saturday President Trump hosted a military parade in honor of the 250th anniversary of the American Army. Coinciding with this event were largescale protests under the name “No Kings Day” across much of the U.S., causing many governors to declare emergencies and activate National Guard personnel.

“Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.” (Proverbs 14:34). The word rendered reproach extends from root words meaning bow, stoop, be brought low, and be ashamed. How vexing to see men boast themselves in industrialized murder. Hear the words of Jesus Christ, **King** of kings and **Lord** of lords, the **Judge** of the whole earth: **“Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.” (Matthew 26:52)**. How much further from this could parading Abrams tanks, Apache helicopters, and rocket launchers be? What vexation of spirit. **“And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.” (Isaiah 13:11)**. You invest in, foment, enjoy, and profit from war. Your hearts are consumed by sin and so you are enveloped in death. **“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23)**. There is not one shred of nobility in the slaughter your fellow man. **“But I [Christ] say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you” (Matthew 5:44)**. Notably, nowhere in the fine print of what Christ said did he allow for the complete and utter obliteration of your enemies via the craft of cunningly devised war. **“He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.” (Revelation 13:10)**. Juxtaposed to Christ, try to stomach the words of Donald Trump: “And watching this magnificent display our souls are filled with gratitude for every generation of warriors who have worn the uniform all the way back to the very beginning. 250 years later. America stands tall. America stands proud. America stands free.” Trump literally declared there to be a rebellion within the country, days prior, to mobilize marines in L.A. – where is the standing tall? **“Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.” (1 Corinthians 10:12)**. You will bow to Christ the King or you will be brought low in shame and reproach at his feet. **“Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.” (Psalm 2:10-12)**. Repent before the overflow of the cup of this world’s iniquity – your days are numbered.