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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:

Sunday, May 12th the people of the world choose their mothers for their idol of the day. Mother's Day is touted as a celebration of the loving, nurturing women who have undertaken the work that it is to raise up children the world over. Make no mistake, the task of child-rearing is a good one, and a blessing to be cherished: "Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate." (Psalm 127:3-5) The problem with this idolatrous, self-aggrandizing holiday is two-fold. First, the God of Heaven is a jealous God – He will not share His glory: "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) This commandment extends to not worshipping the human creation. There is a commandment regarding the way you are to treat your parents as outlined only a few verses later: "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee." (Exodus 20:12) Every day and in every way (words and actions), you ought to honor your father and mother in service to God. There is no day outlined for raising your mother up on a pedestal, and so to create one is to involve the wicked imaginations of your own heart to devise an evil work, leaving behind the plain instruction the Lord gave to honor her: "There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand." (Proverbs 19:21)

The second problem with Mother's Day is a subset of what was previously discussed- only the Lord God is worthy of worship. Stop and consider the quality of women which this day would have you raise up. Does the mother of today sound anything like these words? "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple. Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates." (Proverbs 31:10-31) I think not. The mothers of today are just as likely to have slaughtered one or more of their unborn children than not. And if they haven't killed their children personally, they are fiercely advocating for the "rights" of others to do so. Stop your human worship. Obey God and keep His commandments (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

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)