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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 Luigi Mangione admitted to the murder of UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson and plead guilty to a federal stalking charge. This, by some interpretations, would no longer make him eligible to be tried for murder under the double jeopardy provision of New York’s state law. **“And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man’s brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man’s blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man. And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.” (Genesis 9:5-7)** The Standard of God is crystal clear. Murderers are to be put to death. Not for the fleshly reason of the victim being a ‘good man’ nor to ‘give the family closure’. Rather, to preserve the justice and righteousness of God Almighty to whom all life belongs. He requires the blood of the murderer. **“If thou shalt keep all these commandments to do them, ... That innocent blood be not shed in thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee. But if any man hate his neighbour, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him mortally that he die, ... deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die. Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away the guilt of innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee.” (Deuteronomy 19:9-14).** It is a just and righteous thing to do as God has commanded.

“Behold, the LORD’S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. They hatch cockatrice’ eggs, and weave the spider’s web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper. Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.” (Isaiah 59:1-8)

Mangione’s confessed reason for murder is the pain and suffering he experienced after breaking his back and the alleged delay in care caused by UnitedHealthcare. In his planning he alleges he contacted UnitedHealthcare posing as an investor and received prompt responses, unlike when he was in pain utilizing his insurance. It is commonly reported that UnitedHealthcare has pursued shareholder greed at all costs to the well-documented injury of their customers. **“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” (Galatians 6:7)** You cannot sow to the oppression of your neighbors, playing games with their lives, and expect to never reap their anger. **“For the love of money is the root of all evil.” (1 Timothy 6:10).** It is both wrong to murder people and sell their agony for a few more cents in interest to delay payment. Wrapping murder and deceit in a web of lies to play justice like a game of chess while you gnash on one another in hatred has turned the Lord’s ear from you. Mangione did not commit an oopsie and simply follow the man. In anger, malice, and hatred he determined to find him, lie in wait, and steal his life **“Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same.” (Job 4:8).** Obedience to God is the only path to peace. The world saw him do it. He admits he did it; put the murderer to death. Likewise abolish the wicked oppression of the greed-based institutions that serve no good to the very people it claws every cent from. **“There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt.” (Ecclesiastes 5:13)**

Let no man seek his own, but every man another’s wealth. (1st Corinthians 10:24)