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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:

The COVID-19 pandemic marches on this week, with the total number of reported cases reaching just over 4 million worldwide. The US jobs report which was released this past week confirms the fears of many with regards to the virus' economic impact: over 20 million jobs lost in the month of April alone, which is over double the 8.6 million that were a result of the 2009 recession, as well as a 90 year high unemployment rate of 14.7%. The LORD has no shortage of ways to deal with a rebellious nation. He will be avenged and have His glory, which this country, and even more so this world, shall learn, to their sorrow. Amos' description of the day of the LORD, sounds like this current time we are in, to wit: "As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him." (Amos 5:19) Even with all these clear punishments from God still unfolding across the world, a new and even worse judgment may be on the horizon. A mysterious syndrome which appears to be caused by the COVID-19 virus has killed three children in New York so far, prompting NY governor Andrew Cuomo to revise his earlier presumption that this pandemic only affected the elderly. A sobering revelation, to which we at WBC say: "The LORD'S voice crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom shall see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it." (Micah 6:9)

Rock and roll music icon and renowned pervert Little Richard died this last week. In his youth, Little Richard lived like the Devil, committing nigh every sexual perversion under the sun, including sodomy, as well as divorcing his wife and teaching others to do the same. Later in his life, Richard seemed to have repented of his sodomy and perversion, calling it "unnatural" and going on to say, "God made men; men and women. You've got to live the way God wants you to live," loosely paraphrasing the words of the Savior at Matthew 19. "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh." (Matthew 19:5) You would be hard pressed to find these words in a headline from those in the media who "hold [meaning suppress] the truth in unrighteousness." (Romans 1:18) This world praises him for his sin and excess while ignoring or shaming him for proper, timely words. As is the case with all lukewarm, nominal Christians however, Richard quickly qualified his words with the following Arminian heresy: "Regardless of whatever you are, he loves you. I don't care what you are. He loves you and he can save you. All you've got to do is say, 'Lord, take me as I am. I'm a sinner.' But we all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." In other words, God don't make no junk. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matt. 16:24), and "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17), and "What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid." (Romans 6:17) Every human being was born in sin and is inclined to sin per Adam's curse; it is a part of our very nature and the reason why we need a Savior! To say, "Lord, take me as I am" implies that we are perfect beings destined for heaven, and need no part of God to get there. It is naught but a cunningly devised fable, and Little Richard, who has now met his maker, shall be judged for it, along with all the things done in the body, whether they be good or evil. Same goes for notorious sodomite Roy Horn of Siegfried and Roy, who also perished this last week and of which little need be said barring "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination." (Leviticus 18:22)

Video footage released this week of the shooting of Ahmaud Arbery, a black man, by two white men in Georgia has, once again, sown division and enmity along the cultural and racial fault lines of this country, and the media love to have it so. What does the Bible have to say on the subject? Well, first off, to those that are already judging the story based on the incomplete information currently available to the public, "he that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him." (Proverbs 18:13) Secondly, the perpetrators (as well as the victim depending on which story one chooses to subscribe to) would have done well to heed these spiritual words of wisdom: "Do violence to no man" (Luke 3:14) and "Abstain from all appearance of evil." (1 Thessalonians 5:22)