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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:

On Thursday of last week, the LORD ordained that part of an apartment complex in the city of Surfside, Florida collapse. Taking place at around 2 in the morning when the apartment would be expected to be at max occupancy, the roughly 55 condominium units were reduced to pancaked rubble in the span of 30 seconds. Nine confirmed dead, with 156 unaccounted for. Due to the flat nature of the collapse, the chances of finding many living survivors are considered slim to none. **“Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.” (James 4:14)** No drawn out ends and deathbed epiphanies for these men and women; the LORD required their souls - that night. A stark picture, and one that should encourage every *living* man and woman to contemplate their latter end. The words of Christ at **Luke 13: 4-5** have seldom been so apt: **“Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”** Hear also these words of Micah: **Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? 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 6:7-9)** Listen America: the LORD will not hearken to your prayers; rather, they are foul stench in his nostrils. He will not hear the pleading of your preachers and leaders who offer up lip service, rather than obedience. The LORD does not care about “your inalienable rights,” of which you have precisely zero. Where were the rights of those dead or missing in the Surfside Complex? Stripped away in the twinkling of an eye by an Almighty God, which by definition make them not a right but a privilege i.e. a gift! **For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it? (1 cor. 4:7)** If it can be said that we humans have a right to anything, it would be to death and hell. Therefore, set aside your earthly pride, hear the rod, and repent of your grievous sins.

On Friday afternoon, Derek Chauvin, the officer convicted of all kinds of murder in the death of George Floyd, was sentenced to 22 and half years in prison. Although he is expected to appeal – and on fairly good grounds considering the sham that was the trial - much of the world nevertheless rejoiced in the sentencing, though it was a rejoicing well-tempered with complaints that he should rather have received life imprisonment. Floyd’s daughter Gianna was then propped up to give a tear-jerking statement about how she loved her late father and Floyd’s brothers followed stating Chauvin should have received the max penalty. Statues and memorials to Floyd have been erected all across the country (like as not in the same cities where rioters rampaged in the months prior) so that anyone everywhere is able to pay respects to this Godless thug. Amazing. There’s so much wrong here it’s hard to pinpoint. Before doing so, it is important to note here that while it is just that America’s police force is receiving its comeuppance for its years of abusing its own authority, it’s also fair to note that the pendulum has wildly swung in the opposite direction to where a new form of lawlessness is being propagated for the sake of “racial justice.” Going back to Floyd, glory should be reserved for God and not man, especially such a base one as Mr. Floyd; this whole business of memorializing and glorifying men is folly and does nothing but to steal the glory from God who is the author of all things. Two, it is apparent by his example that Floyd was no true loving father to his children, abdicating his parental duties that Christ assigns through Paul: **“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the LORD.”** Stop making a god of this man who, like many in this nation today, served only himself **and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. (Rom. 1:25)** Rather, submit yourself unto the LORD your God.

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!