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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. We here at WBC pray for light to be given to discern the signs of the times.

This week, Elon Musk passed a milestone in the accumulation of wealth, becoming the world's first *trillionaire*. His net worth is now estimated at \$1.1 trillion. This country has the most billionaires of any in the world, and they have been propped up as the epitome of success in a culture and world that values such vanity above all.

***“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” (1 Timothy 6:6-10)***

Among others, Mr. Musk has very much fallen into many foolish and hurtful lusts, the least of which falling in his abandonment of his first and only true wife. What do such men set about to do with their unfathomable riches? They work tirelessly to grow them for the simple sake of wealth.

***“And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods... But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?” (Luke 12:18&20)***

These rich men make it their business to capitalize on controlling the means of production, keeping working costs low to keep the money flowing upward. This brings us to the following passage in the Epistle of James:

***“Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.” (James 5:4-5)***

Hear some words from King Solomon, the wisest man ever to live, the practical king of the cultural and economic world at the time. Israel never saw such growth as under his wise rule:

***“He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity. When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes? The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.” (Ecclesiastes 5:10-12)***

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. ***“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Matthew 6:19-21***

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