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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:

During an Ariana Grande concert in Manchester on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 22 people lost their lives with many more injured. When a nation rises with one voice to shut out the Word of God, what can you expect? **My face will I turn also from them, and they shall pollute my secret place: for the robbers shall enter into it, and defile it. Make a chain: for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled. Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none. (Ezekiel 7:22-25)** There will be no peace from the Lord without repentance. **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 59:7-8)** What more is there to say? For all those claiming to send their ‘love’ to Manchester, it will do no good unless it is true brotherly love. You are required to warn your neighbor to mourn for and repent of their sins! Flee the wrath to come! Just read Jeremiah 18 and while you’re at it, try studying the rest of the Bible.

On Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Chris Cornell was cremated after being found dead in his hotel room on May 18<sup>th</sup>. His funeral was held on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Cornell lived his life using the time and gifts the Lord gave him to cater to the flesh. What a fearful thing it is to fall into the hands of the living God! **(Hebrew 10:31)** He lived in darkness because he believed not in the Lord and failed to obey His laws; Trust in the Lord and fear Him and you will have peace. **(Isaiah 26:3 and Psalm 2:11-12)** Instead, Cornell was given to alcohol, drugs, and other addictions to squelch his seared conscience from living in adultery. God’s word is plain and simple: **Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery. (Luke 16:18)** When you find yourself looking to your flesh for comfort, you are left in a sad state of darkness. God gave you everything that you have, including your life, and it is not yours to do with as you please; suicide is murder, which is a sin. **(Deuteronomy 32:39)** For more good words, check out our new parody of Soundgarden’s “Black Hole Sun” – “Kiss the Son.” **(Psalm 2:12)**

Also on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Roger Moore learned how fleeting the things of this world are and how life is but a vapor. **Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: 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. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. (James 4:13-15)** Having four wives, Moore chased after the lusts of the flesh and set his heart on the things of the world. See Mark 8:36 and Matthew 6:19-21.

Throughout this week, President Trump visited several nations overseas. Meeting and exchanging gifts with the Pope, visiting the Western Wall, and meeting with other world leaders were just a few ticks on his itinerary. Unless repentance and humility before the Lord was the tone of his meetings, they were all in vain. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. **The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility. (Proverbs 15:33)** Look to the King of Nineveh in Jonah’s time as an example! If you obey the Lord, He will bring you peace. **(Proverbs 16:7)**

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!