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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. Let's view some of this week's judgments from the proper perspective:

The COVID-19 situation continued to worsen in the U.S. this past week. On Friday, there were over 1,000 deaths from coronavirus and 99,321 new cases, which is the highest number of new cases in a single day for any nation. The total case number in the country as of Friday was 9,047,792. Because of the virus, the White House, which has an annual event on the premises for Halloween, celebrated the holiday on October 25th with precautions that included hand sanitizer, social distancing, and masks. Some communities likewise sought to maintain their celebrations using similar precautions. Many others cancelled public events, choosing to celebrate privately nonetheless. As bad as the pandemic is even at the moment, it is projected to get even worse in the coming months, with daily deaths possibly reaching 2,000. Even so, Americans insist on keeping their pagan holiday that celebrates the dead and death. That is ill-advised; don't just let it go, cast it off! **"They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger. They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not. Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee."** (Deuteronomy 32:16-18).

On Monday, October 26th, Philadelphia police, who were responding to a 911 call, shot and killed a black man, Walter Wallace Jr. The officers fired on Wallace as he approached them with a knife. Wallace's family said he had bipolar disorder. For the next three nights, protests, looting, and assaults on police occurred in response. There were at least 172 arrests, 53 injured officers, and 297 looting incidents. The National Guard arrived on Friday around noon to help stop the violence. **"He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly."** (Proverbs 14:29). **"Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord."** (Romans 12:17-19).

On Thursday, October 29th, a Tunisian man murdered three people in a church in Nice, France. Afterward, the man was heard saying "Allah Akbar." This follows an attack on October 16th, in which a Chechen refugee beheaded a teacher in France for showing a cartoon of the Islamic so-called prophet Muhammad. Multiple mainstream media outlets, including CNN, USA Today, and the Associated Press, have framed these attacks as though France brought them on itself for being disrespectful towards Islam. France invites the wrath of God because it is godless, not for any disrespect shown to a false religious system or false god. **"The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."** (Psalm 9:17). There is one God, and this is not His custom for us. **"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)"** (2 Corinthians 2:3-4). God will get His own honor. **"[...] I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear."** (Isaiah 45:22-23).

Repent or Perish!