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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:

Netflix released the French film ‘Cuties’ this past Wednesday, to a maelstrom of criticism and calls for boycott of the movie streaming giant. The film, which according to its director was created to condemn the over-sexualization of children in media and pop culture, is about a child who abandons the teaching of Islam after finding out her father is preparing to marry a second wife, to embrace the licentious norms of today’s generation by participating in an erotic kid dance troupe. In addition, the film features an unsettling amount of what is ‘lawfully defined as pedophilia’ according to the film’s description. Filthy and appalling, disgraceful and shameful – not just that this film was made, but that someone thought it needed to be made. On its face, the movie rings of this solemn commandment: **And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.** When you teach your children that which is contrary to the scripture (such as excusing and promoting fornication and promiscuity, teaching them to ‘be themselves’ and eschew anyone who would tell them to be otherwise, and teaching the worship of any other deity aside from the God of the Bible), that IS a provocation to wrath. This movie truly is a feeble attempt to pull the fat out of the fire, to try to preserve the ‘innocence’ (no human is innocent) of a generation. Seriously? You’ve told them their whole life that God is a liar, ceaselessly undermining God’s law to prop up your own debased morality, and now you try to ‘rescue’ their purity while promoting all manner of sin? Yeah, not likely. - **And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. (Ro 1:23)** Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? (1 Co 6:18.)

The wildfires on the west coast have ramped up considerably this last week, with six of California’s 20 largest fires in state history having now occurred this year. This includes the August Complex wildfire: the largest fire in state history having burned 877,477 acres at present, nearly twice as many as the Mendocino Complex fire, its predecessor with only 459,123 acres burned. Cal Fire is currently reporting 19 fatalities in the state while Oregon is reporting 8 deaths with expectations of a ‘mass fatality incident’ in the near future. In addition to all of this are reports of poor air quality as a result of the smoke. Rather than turn unto the Lord with a repentant spirit, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed legislation reducing penalties for sodomites who engage in their sexual perversions with minors! **Seek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Bethel.** Furthermore, rather than acknowledging the hand of his maker in these fires, he denounced climate change as the cause; perhaps you are correct Mr. Newsom, but all causes are secondary to the God of eternity. **Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it? (Amos 3:6)** Until you and the rest of this people turn unto the LORD, and seek after him with a penitent heart, all of your attempts to stay the wrath of God will remain as ineffectual as Ahab during the three and a half years that God kept the rain from falling. **Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. (Eph 5: 3-7)**

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!**