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Religious Opinion & Bible Commentary on Current Events

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## NEWS RELEASE

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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:

Wildfires continue to rage over this past week in parts of Western United States, Northwest Ontario Canada, Siberia, Turkey and Eastern Mediterranean, the Italian island of Sardinia and western Mediterranean, and Finland. In all of these areas fires have devastated thousands of acres of land (in some instances hundreds of thousands of acres), and most of these places are facing their worst wildfires in decades. The damage and impact these wildfires will end up leaving will be felt for a very long time. Sardinia is calling it 'disaster without precedence'. The theme is consistent in the media and from the Government officials with their lands on fire: climate change and global warming are the cause.

The Lord your God is the cause of all things, and these fires are just an adumbration of God's fiery wrath to come at the end of the world. The power of God is an amazing thing to behold. Stand in awe of Him and worship! Only He can deliver!

**Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, yea, joy and gladness from the house of our God? The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered. How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate. O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field. The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness. (Joel 1:15-20)**

The Olympics were this week, as well. It is a good reminder to turn to scripture for helpful instruction when temporal and bodily skills are being worshiped:

**Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)**

# **Repent or Perish!**