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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:

On Saturday, October 31, came one of America's favorite "holy days," Halloween, and America paid well for it. The National Retail Federation projected a record $13.5 billion in U.S. Halloween spending for 2026, up from $13.1 billion last year. That is about $115 per person, including roughly $4.4 billion on costumes and $4.3 billion on decorations. **"Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness." (Isaiah 55:2)** The holiday's traditions trace back to ancient Celtic Samhain, a festival of the dead, and to the eve of the later church feast of All Hallows. Scripture speaks plainly about the practices that surround it: divination, witchcraft, consulting spirits, and dealing with the dead. **"There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD." (Deuteronomy 18:10-12) "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." (Ephesians 5:11) "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" (2 Corinthians 6:14)**

Scripture treats death as a sober matter. **"A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth. It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart. Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth. It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools. For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool: this also is vanity. (Ecclesiastes 7:1-6)** And for those who don't celebrate the traditional aspects of this holiday, you have turned it into a feast of idolatry and excess. **(Jeremiah 50:38)**

Other Happenings This Week

- In Spain on October 28, a Renfe high-speed train struck the rear of a stopped Iryo train near Urda. At least 68 people died and more than 100 were injured. It is Spain's second major rail disaster this year. **"Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:4-5)**
- Thrice married, twice divorced, and atheist Patrick Stewart passed away on October 28. Mr. Stewart supported assisted suicide in the UK and was a "staunch ally" of the LGBT community. His accolades, knighthood, charity work and other worldly praises will hold no merit before the King of Eternity, before whom now he must make account for every thought and action. **"A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." (Matthew 12:35-37)**