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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:

On Tuesday, August 3rd, New York Attorney General Letitia James released a report detailing her office's investigation that found Governor Andrew Cuomo sexually harassed 11 women. The women include former and current state employees as well as members of the public; they allege the governor kissed and touched them inappropriately and made sexual overtures to them. Politicians across the country, including President Joe Biden, swiftly called for Cuomo to resign. This is truly just the tip of the iceberg of this man's corruption and perversion. In all of his foreground and background scandals, he has made lies his refuge. We are a people incapable of choosing righteous leaders. If the governor is impeached and removed from office, his replacement will just have a different form of iniquity they serve. Only God can break that cycle. **"Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it."** (Isaiah 28:14-18).

The Dixie Fire, which began in mid-July, continued to spread in California this week. So far, it is the third-largest wildfire and largest single-source wildfire in state history. As of Friday, the fire had burned 432,813 acres and at least 134 structures. On Wednesday night, it swept through the small town of Greenville in less than 30 minutes, leaving most of it destroyed. Also, according to the European Union's Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service, July 2021 was the worst July for wildfires *globally* since they began recording this data in 2003.

The novel coronavirus also continued to spread in the U.S. this past week. As of Friday, the seven day average was over 107,100 cases and over 450 deaths. As of late Saturday, 66,000 Americans were hospitalized. The peak of the current wave has not yet been reached. This plague is simply not going away.

You have the opportunity, by God's mercy, to repent now, while you are still alive. Pray for mercy and repentance from God and that the fruit or evidence of that would be shown in you. **"Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance [...] And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."** (Matthew 3:8-12).

Repent or Perish!