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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.

The political game abounds as usual in the world this week as the hubris of humanity thwarts any semblance of God-fearing activity. While the world engorges itself on one of its many regularly scheduled idol fests (known as the FIFA World Cup in this instance), the agents of Satan are not at rest. Each one of these activities provides ample opportunity for the Father of Lies (**John 8:44**) and prince of the power of the air (**Ephesians 2:1-10**) to work his heretical angles. Taking place in Qatar, a Middle Eastern nation which criminalizes homosexual relations, the event has been fraught with the oppressive power of the dog (**Psalms 22**) seeking to further their vile agenda. They will not be satisfied until every head bows to their sin. If you needed any more proof of this, look no further than President Biden’s undoubtedly personal highlight of his presidency when he signed the “Respect for Marriage Act” on Tuesday forcing all states and U.S. territories, including American Samoa, the only remaining territory that has refused to marry or recognize same-sex couples to date, to accept this filth. How much clearer does it need to be? **“And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? (Matthew 19:4-5)** After SCOTUS overturned Roe v. Wade earlier this year, during which Justice Clarence Thomas proposed the court should revisit other past cases such as Obergefell v. Hodges, which had been one of the landmark cases in favor of same-sex marriage, these evil people are scrambling to protect as many sins as they can under their powerless laws. God’s law is perfect, and His judgment is just. Furthermore, not to be outshined by these events, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky requested to share a message of world peace during the final game of the World Cup on Sunday, as he has with several other world events throughout the year. FIFA refused on the grounds that this is an entertainment event, and therefore not a place for politics. They have not been too successful with this goal given the LGBTQ agenda, death of nearly 500 migrant workers during the preparations for the game, and death of Grant Wahl all accumulating negative attention on the country from a world that will not have their sins restricted. What a sorrowful scene. **“The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them? Therefore will I give their wives unto others, and their fields to them that shall inherit them: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.” (Jeremiah 8:9-12)**

With similar disregard for God’s law, Peru has suffered a week of violent protests countrywide after the arrest of their now ex-president Pedro Castillo on Monday. Castillo is accused of attempting a coup by signing legislature to “temporarily” disband the Peruvian Congress and rule by decree. Congress voted to impeach and detained the former president for seven days as the country began to fall apart. By Thursday, the Peruvian Supreme Court ruled the president be imprisoned for 18 months while an examination is performed, stating that the complexity of the issue would require that long to perform the investigation. Over 20 protestors have been killed with 340 more injured so far. Meanwhile, the civil unrest has caused national infrastructure to shut down or become unreliable leaving several hundred international tourists stranded in places such as Machu Picchu. As Ministers resign and the new president, former vice-president Dina Boluarte - sworn in on Wednesday as the first female president of Peru, attempts to quell the people, no one has truly turned to God to seek guidance. Like all nations that forget their Creator, there will be no rest, no peace, and no deliverance from your folly. **“If now thou hast understanding, hear this: hearken to the voice of my words. Shall even he that hateth right govern? and wilt thou condemn him that is most just? Is it fit to say to a king, Thou art wicked? and to princes, Ye are ungodly? How much less to him that accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for they all are the work of his hands. In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away: and the mighty shall be taken away without hand. For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings. There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves. For he will not lay upon man more than right; that he should enter into judgment with God. He shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their stead. Therefore he knoweth their works, and he overturneth them in the night, so that they are destroyed. He striketh them as wicked men in the open sight of others; Because they turned back from him, and would not consider any of his ways: So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he heareth the cry of the afflicted. When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth his face, who then can behold him? whether it be done against a nation, or against a man only: That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared.” (Job 34:16-30)**

It is not possible to overstate the grievous and abominable nature of your sins, even for the seemingly smallest of offenses. Words are unable to express the degree of vileness your sins commit against the eternal perfection and glory of God. And because of this, the magnitude and punishment for those sins is eternal.

## **Repent or Perish!**