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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:

Starting this week, we saw all walks of life from across the face of the Earth gather together to immerse themselves in either participating or observing the FIFA (Federatio, International, de Football Association) World Cup. 1,248 players representing 48 nations. Reports say that the 39-day World Cup event of 2026 will have an all-time record breaking attraction of 5 billion people watching globally. 65,000 have been estimated to physically attend per match. For comparison, American football has a global attraction of approximately 400 million, drawing up to 75,000 people at the Super Bowl. This shows the magnitude of the sport of soccer - the world's most popular sport. Prioritizing the sport over Christ, makes it an idol.

God alone could effortlessly annihilate the entire human race from off the face of the Earth as He has done before, saving only His people (**1 Peter 3:20**). And yet, billions are willing to sacrifice their time, money, and energy to give themselves a temporary distraction from their impending, eternal damnation. However, by the mercy of God, you still draw breath. You should immediately turn from your sin, set your affections on things above instead of idle distractions, and give God the glory.

The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity (Ecclesiastes 1:1-2)

Thou shalt have no other gods before me. (Exodus 20:3)

The opening game of the 2026 FIFA World Cup was played between Mexico and South Africa, hosted at the Azteca Stadium in Mexico City with Mexico winning 2-0. But did they really win anything? To what end? What do they gain by winning? Pride, arrogance, vanity, and self-glory. All of which is *not* giving the glory to God our King, but their own bellies. Both athletes and spectators of this global event would rather "love" themselves, than love Christ chiefly.

For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy...Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; (2 Timothy 3:2,4)

Matthew 10:37-40 “He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find. He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.” (Matthew 10:37-40)

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)**